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A Survey of Agricultural and Rural Social Scientists

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Justification

With the formation of the Economic Statistics Committee of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) in 1969, the AAEA formally recognized the critical nature of the economic statistics system on which it depended. One of the first outputs of the Committee was an invited seminar paper at the 1972 summer meetings of AAEA (The AAEA Committee on Economic Statistics 1972), which presented the view that the primary problem underlying the statistical system was obsolete concepts on which data were based. Bonnen, a key author of the 1972 paper as Chair of the Committee, extended this theme in his 1975 Presidential address to AAEA. In other writings, Bonnen (e.g., 1985, 1987) has continued to develop the theme that our statistics must be based on current concepts of what we measure.

The Economic Statistics Committee has continued to identify and analyze means to improve data systems. Organized symposia have been developed and sponsored by the Committee at nearly all of the annual summer meetings of AAEA. Examples of published output from these symposia include Bonnen (1987), Chern (1985), Just (1983), Kibler (1984), and Stanton (1987). The symposia have been organized around current issues in data concepts, availability, and management. The Committee has also been the primary liaison between the AAEA Board and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), an organization of professional associations which use Federal statistics. The AAEA is a founding member of COPAFS (1986).

Recently, the Economic Statistics Committee has desired to address issues of priorities among various data series collected by the Federal statistical agencies and used by agricultural and rural social scientists. The AAEA workshop on "Agriculture and Rural Areas Approaching the 21st Century: Challenges for Agricultural Economics" in 1985 (Hildreth et al. 1988), the Social Science Agricultural Agenda Project (SSAAP 1987, 1988), and the Conference on Rural Data Needs (Bonnen 1989, Christenson, 1989) were priority-setting efforts by social scientists with the goal of influencing research agendas, public policy, and the financial resources devoted to agricultural and rural social science issues. Other agenda-setting studies include the Futures Task Force (1987), Hushak (1988, 1989), and Schuh (1986). All of these efforts have major implications for the statistical system on which rural social sciences depend.

Data priorities are set to no small degree by the "squeaky wheel" approach. Kibler (1985) stated seven criteria by which the Statistical Reporting Service (SRS) data priorities were set (SAS is now the National Agricultural Statistics Service or NASS). Kibler and other heads of statistical agencies have noted that data priority decisions must be made whether or not sufficient information is available. It is also clear that to influence data priorities individuals or groups must articulate their needs. Commodity groups and prominent members of professional associations are influential in data priority decisions. However, needs of the widely diverse community of analytical and statistical data users often are not expressed or addressed.

Chern (1985), in developing the "Handbook of Agricultural Statistical Data" (Garkey and Chern, 1986), made a preliminary attempt to evaluate data

priorities for agriculture by collecting information on data series used in American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE) articles. While useful in its own right, the study revealed how large and detailed an effort such as this must be to reflect the diverse real data needs of agricultural and rural social scientists.

In this project, we attempt a comprehensive analysis of data priorities. A questionnaire was developed over a series of meetings of the Advisory Committee, which consisted of the Economic Statistics Committee plus appointed representatives of the other participating associations. The questionnaire was then sent to members of participating associations. Initially, five associations agreed to participate: the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), the Rural Sociological Society (RSS), the Community Development Society (CDS), the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), and the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS). Later, the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) and the Socio-Economics Section of the American Fisheries Society (SE-AFS) agreed to participate.

Past efforts at prioritizing needs for data have tended to focus on the farm level of agriculture (Bonnen 1975, 1985, 1987, Stanton 1987), because that is what agricultural economists know best. Our effort is much broader and includes social scientists working in areas of food and fiber beyond the farm gate, along with those working in areas of community, natural resources, and international agriculture and resource issues.

Objectives

The general objective of "Priorities for Data on Agriculture and Rural Areas" is to assemble comprehensive information about current and future data needs of agricultural and rural social scientists. Four specific objectives

were developed from a discussion of selected members of the Economic Statistics Committee in December, 1987. These are:

- 1) To determine what data on agriculture and rural areas currently are being used by members of rural social science associations,
- 2) To ascertain expected future data needs of this same group,
- 3) To search for alternative strategies for collection and dissemination of needed data,
- 4) To investigate new technologies and/or software being used in data dissemination.

As the components of the questionnaire to accomplish objectives 1 and 2 were developed through a series of meetings with the Advisory Committee and as the complexity of design needed to accomplish these objectives became clear, it became obvious that comprehensive treatment of objectives 3 and 4 would make the questionnaire unmanageable. Accordingly, objectives 3 and 4 were addressed only superficially.

Methodology

A challenge was to design a data and issue classification system which was understandable, yet complete. The large number of data series published by Federal and other statistical agencies made the task of prioritization more complex. Some of the data series overlap. Some are comprehensive while others contain only a few variables. The questionnaire (Appendix) focuses on objectives 1 and 2 as follows. Section I focuses on "past use" and "importance for future use" of 243 current and discontinued data sets, classified by major areas, identified through a comprehensive search of published data sets and through consultation with personnel of statistical agencies. Section II addresses the importance of 43 "expected future issues" which will affect the

kinds and format of data collected. Section III lists characteristics of respondents. Only question C of Section I and questions 9 and 10 of Section III provide data on objectives 3 and 4.

Identifying the appropriate populations of agricultural and rural social scientists to include in the survey and weighting them appropriately in presenting results about data priorities is crucial. There are many more agricultural than community and natural resource social scientists in the participating associations. Pooling all responses with equal weighting for each response would submerge the importance of data in areas other than agriculture. Given what is happening to agricultural research and statistical budgets (U.S. Congress, 1989, U.S. House 1985, Wallman 1986) and what is being proposed as future directions for colleges of agriculture and the USDA (Futures Task Force 1987, Hushak 1988, 1989, Schuh 1986), such a conclusion is unwarranted. We viewed participation of a broad spectrum of rural social scientists in the survey as critical. The high response rate from rural social scientists outside of agriculture is gratifying. The survey results are presented by primary area of focus or specialization and by member respondents of each participating association.

Survey Procedures

Questionnaires were mailed to association members over the December, 1988 through March, 1989 period. The recommended procedures of three mailings (questionnaire, reminder postcard, follow-up questionnaire) from Dillman (1978) were followed. However, the recommended two-week interval was not possible because of the large number of questionnaires involved and the use of bulk mailing procedures. The mailings took four months because we mailed to ACCI and SE-AFS after we had completed mailings to the other five associations.

About 6,200 questionnaires were mailed to U.S. resident members of the associations; student members were excluded where identification was possible. From this mailing, 2,992 usable responses were received, for a lower bound response rate of 48 percent. However, we did not completely eliminate the overlap among association mailing lists. Out of the initial total mailing list of about 6,700 names, we eliminated overlap of 500. The non-response rate was high from retired members and student members, many of whom are not professionally active and told us they did not possess sufficient knowledge to complete the questionnaire.

Adjusting for overlap and these two groups leaves an estimated population of agricultural and rural social scientists who are members of these seven associations of 5,500 to 5,800, which yields respective response rates of 54 to 52 percent. The percent of respondents from each association is shown in Table 5.1. As expected, the majority of respondents, 63 percent, were members of AAEEA. Responses total over 100 percent because of membership overlap. By association, the response rates in percent (U.S. members) were: AAEEA 51(3,734), RSS 70(700), CDS 50(500), AERE 41(500), FDRS 28(250), ACCI 13(700), and SE-AFS 8(200). The response rates for ACCI and SE-AFS are underestimated because some of their members who are also members of other associations completed their questionnaires before we decided to mail to these two associations. Members had not been asked to designate membership in these associations. Further, these two associations were not listed explicitly on the questionnaire.

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Results

We regard a response rate of 50 percent on a very long and tedious questionnaire as favorable. Had we conducted this survey five years ago, when the Chern effort was underway, we judge the response rate would have been much lower. Data are an issue whose time has come.

We first look at characteristics of the respondents. We then focus on the use and importance of data sets ranked by two criteria. We examine those data sets which were "used and most important" to respondents (Section I-A,B). We also look at responses to the "ten most important" data sets question (Section I-C). Finally, we turn to the issues section of the questionnaire where we rank issues based on two criteria. We look at those issues ranked as "very important" (Section II-A). We also look at responses to the "five most important" issues question (Section II-B).

Characteristics of Respondents

Respondents predominantly held Ph.D.s (Table 5.2). They were predominantly agricultural economists (Table 5.3), college or university employees (Table 5.4), and primarily in research (Table 5.5). Environmental and natural resources is the largest single area of focus, followed by community and rural development, production and farm management, marketing and business management, agricultural policy, and international trade and development (Table 5.6). These areas did not differ widely from one another in size.

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Over 90 percent of AERE and SE-AFS members are environmental and natural resources, while 80 percent of CDS and 52 percent of RSS members are community and rural development (Table 5.7). The largest groups from AAEEA are production

and farm management, marketing and business management, agricultural policy, international trade and development, and environmental and natural resources. The largest FDRS groups are marketing and business management and consumption and demand analysis, while the largest ACCI group is consumption and demand analysis.

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Most respondents work at the national or state level (Table 5.8), followed by county and international. A large majority of respondents use micro computers for word processing, spread sheet analysis, graphics and statistical analysis (Table 5.9). Most respondents access data through printed publications, while a significant minority use floppy disks for data access (Table 5.10).

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Use and Importance of Data

Table 5.11 presents seventeen data sets ranked as "used and very important" by 30 percent or more of all respondents. Prominent are the

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censuses important to agricultural and rural social scientists, the core prices series, and the core data sets about agriculture. Column three shows the percent of respondents who ranked each data set as used and very important. Column four shows how each data set ranked in the "ten most important" data sets question (Section I-C or Table 5.12). For example, consumer prices and price indexes was ranked third in the "ten most important" section, while producer prices and price indexes was not in the top 15 data sets from this alternative ranking. The number of primary areas of focus (fields) in which a data set was ranked in the top 15 "used and very important" data sets is shown

in column five, while the number of associations in which a data set ranked in the top 15 "used and very important" data sets is shown in column six. The current population survey was ranked in the top 15 data sets by six of twelve areas of focus, while three of five associations ranked it in the top 15. The ACCI and SE-AFS responses were not tabulated for the used and most important section, but were tabulated for the ten most important section.

Table 5.12 presents fifteen data sets ranked in the "ten most important" data sets by 10 percent or more of the respondents. These two methods of

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ranking data sets yield similar sets of top ranked data sets. Thirteen of the 15 data sets are also in the top 17 used and very important data sets. The census of agriculture is ranked in the top 15 by all twelve fields, while the census of population and housing and consumer prices and price indexes are ranked by six of the seven associations, including ACCI and SE-AFS. In general, the lower ranking data sets are top ranked by fewer fields and associations. Many of the top ranked agricultural data sets are top ranked only by members of AAEA.

Use and Importance by Area of Focus. The ten highest ranked "used and very important" data sets for each of the twelve areas of focus are listed in Table 5.13. Only 47 of 243 listed data sets (or 47 of a maximum of 120 data sets with no overlap) were identified in total across the twelve areas of focus as being in the top ten, suggesting substantial overlap in the rankings across areas. Similarly, the ten highest ranked data sets from the "ten most important" criteria for each area of focus are shown in Table 5.14. A total of 53 data sets are listed, which suggests less but still substantial overlap across areas of focus.

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The top ranked data sets tend to be the expected, with the more traditional agricultural areas listing agricultural data sets, the trade area listing trade and international data sets, demand and consumption listing price and consumption data sets, etc. The most surprising group is the environmental and natural resources group which predominantly lists census data, prices data, and business data, with only two and three data sets in Tables 5.13 and 5.14, respectively, being directly related to environmental and natural resource concerns.

Use and Importance by Association. The 20 top data sets ranked by AAEEA members from both the "used and most important" and "ten most important" procedures are shown in Table 5.15. The two ranking procedures have 18 common data sets. Seventeen of these 22 data sets appear in the all respondents lists (Tables 5.11 and 5.12). In part, this reflects the predominance by members of AAEEA--1896 of 2992 (63 percent) respondents were members of AAEEA. The most prominent difference in the AAEEA ranked data sets as compared to the all respondents data sets is the addition of international statistics (63-Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistics, 77-Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, 166-FAO Production Yearbook, and 199-IMF International Financial Statistics).

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Eight of the ten top data sets ranked by members of RSS are common to the "used and very important" and "ten most important" data set lists (Table 5.16). Only 5 of the 12 RSS data sets appear in the all respondents lists (Tables 5.11 and 5.12), while only 3 appear on the AAEEA top 20. Vital statistics, the general social survey and the PUMS-D are unique to RSS. The CDS list of top

ten data sets also has 8 items common in the "used and most important" and "ten most important" lists (Table 5.17). County and business data sets are important to members of CDS, as expected. There is a 42 percent overlap with "all respondents" and AAEEA, and a 58 percent overlap with RSS.

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Similarly to the environmental and natural resources area of focus, the top rated data sets for AERE are the most surprising, with a focus on prices series, business data, and earnings data (Table 5.18). Only two of 12 listed data sets (nos. 134, 191) are directly related to natural resources. The overlap with other associations ranges from 42 to 58 percent. Data sets 134 and 191 are also the two top ranked data sets of SE-AFS (Appendix Table 5.3). Finally, the FDRS (Table 5.19) and ACCI (Table 5.20) rank relatively unique groups of data sets which focus on food consumption and prices, and on marketing data.

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The design of the questionnaire prevented respondents from rating all data sets as top priority. A respondent who listed all data sets as "used and very important" had no impact on the relative rankings of data sets, but merely raised the number of used and very important responses by one. Since many respondents use more than ten of the listed data sets, asking them to pick the ten most important data sets forced them to array their priorities very carefully. Many of the listed data sets received low percentages of "used and very important" and "ten most important" responses. For example, three of the five agricultural censuses and surveys entries were rated as "used and very important" by less than ten percent of the respondents, and as "ten most important" by less than three percent. Forty percent of the NASS and ERS data

sets were rated as "ten most important" by less than three percent of the respondents; all but one FAS data sets were rated similarly. Many other data sets were also rated very low by rural social scientists, but these data sets are also used by other social scientists.

Complete rankings of data sets from the "used/did not use" sections (I-A,B) of the questionnaire and rankings by association are found in Appendix Tables 5.1 and 5.2, and of data sets from the "ten most important" data sets section (I-C) are found in Appendix Table 5.3. We leave it to the subject area groups to discuss more completely the rankings of data sets by area of focus in their reports of priority data for each of the work groups. Also contained in these Appendix tables is sufficient information so that statistical bureaus can analyze the relative importance of the data series they publish.

In using these results for policy and evaluation purposes, it is important to be aware of their strengths and weaknesses. First, there is substantial variation in the comprehensiveness or breadth of the data sets. For example, the censuses and price series generally contain broad arrays of information on many facets of the population being surveyed or of goods or commodities. The commodity quantity series, on the other hand, tend to be more disaggregated. An economist developing a data set on corn demand and supply would use the prices series and the crop commodity series, but probably not a livestock series. Someone studying beef would use the livestock series and the prices series, but not the crop commodity series.

Second, there are linkages among the data sets. The Farm Costs and Returns Survey, while highly ranked in itself, also provides the data base for several other data sets. Agricultural Outlook, on the other hand, contains data from many series, but data is not collected explicitly for this

publication. Finally, while this information provides rankings of the general importance of data sets, it contains no information about the relative importance of the numbers within a data set. These issues are beyond the scope of this study.

Section I-D of the questionnaire asked respondents to indicate whether there are data sets for which they need more frequent publication, while section I-E asked whether smaller geographic detail was needed. Nine percent of the respondents indicated that more frequent publication of some data sets is needed, while 18 percent said that smaller geographic detail is needed for some data sets.

Important Issues

Table 5.21 presents the top 13 or "baker's dozen" issues ranked as "very important" by all respondents to Section II-A of the questionnaire. The two quality of statistics issues, better definition and measure of the farm population and improved data on off-farm income rank in the top 10 of nine or more fields or primary areas of focus. Four of the top ranked issues are from production agriculture, two from trade/macroeconomics, one from demand/consumption, three from community/rural, and one from environment/resources. No single issue ranks in the top 10 of all five associations; ACCI and SE-AFS were not compiled for this tabulation.

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The "baker's dozen" or 13 issues as ranked by the "five most important" issues of Section II-B (Table 5.22) add ambient quality monitoring (38) and the mid-decade census (1) to the Table 5.21 list, and exclude nonsampling errors (43) and data on standard units of production (19). Eleven of 13 issues are common to the two methods of ranking issues. The "five most important" issues

criteria must be used with caution because several respondents listed numbers which suggest that the question was misunderstood. They apparently perceived that the question requested information on the most important data sets rather than on the most important issues. While these responses were placed in the "nonresponse" category, responses in the 1-45 range can not be separated between those who correctly and those who incorrectly interpreted the question. No single issue ranks in the top 10 of more than four of the seven associations.

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Issues by Area of Focus. Table 5.23 contains the ten top ranked "very important" issues for each of the 12 areas of focus, while Table 5.24 contains the ten top ranked issues based on the "five most important" criteria. Thirty-two issues in Table 5.23 and 36 in Table 5.24 of the 43 issues were listed in the top ten by at least one area of focus. Thirty issues were common between the two ranking criteria.

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Issues by Association. Nine of the 11 top ranked issues for AAEE in Table 5.25 are included in the all respondents issues of Tables 5.21 and 5.22. Data on standard units of production (19) and expansion of the FCRS (20) are the two added issues. Nine of the top 10 issues are common to the "very important" and "five most important" rankings of issues in Table 5.25. In Table 5.26, RSS respondents ranked eight of 10 top issues in common by the "very important" and "five most important" criteria. The rural statistical area (RSA), data on off-farm income, the farm population, and a census of agriculture and rural households are important to rural sociologists. Two-thirds of the RSS issues

are in the "all respondents" lists (Tables 5.21, 5.22), but only 25 percent are common to AAEEA (Table 5.25).

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Table 5.27 shows that the two methods of ranking issues have nine of the top ten issues in common for CDS respondents. Nine of these 11 issues also overlap with the RSS priority issues. The issues not on the RSS list are more narrowly defined service industries (36) and an inventory of pesticide and herbicide applications (39). Responses from members of AERE also show that nine of ten top issues are ranked in common by the "very important" and "five most important issues" criteria (Table 5.28). Eight of 11 issues of AERE are common to the "all respondents" lists; the additions to the AERE list are in the recreation and pollution areas. AERE issues of data quality, herbicide and pesticide applications, and international trade data are common to members of AAEEA. The five top ranked issues from the "five most important" criteria by SE-AFS respondents (40, 39, 41, 37, and 38) are in the AERE top ten (Appendix Table 5.6).

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The FDRS rankings (Table 5.29) are more diverse with only seven of 10 top issues showing overlap between the two ranking criteria (three issues are tied for ranks 9-11 by the five most important criteria, so 11 issues are listed). Only 50 percent of the issues are common to the "all respondents" lists and 43 percent to AAEEA. Data on food service and retail foods, food consumption and specialty commodities are priority issues for members of FDRS which are not reflected in the priority issues of other associations. Finally, the ACCI rankings from the "five most important" issues criteria in Table 5.30 focus on

food consumption and safety, with emphasis on rural areas. Six of the ten issues are common to the all respondents lists (Tables 5.21 and 5.22).

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Complete rankings of issues for all respondents are in Appendix Table 5.4 for all issues and in Appendix Table 5.6 for the "five most important" issues. Appendix Tables 5.5 and 5.6 contain complete data on rankings of issues as "very important" or "five most important", respectively, by association. As with the rankings of data sets, we leave a more complete discussion of the data on rankings of issues by primary area of focus to the area work groups for incorporation into their area reports.

Users of these results need to be aware that there are similar limitations to the rankings of these issues as was true of the data set rankings. The issues vary substantially in breadth and scope, and within issues there is no information on the relative importance of various components of the issue.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the survey of priorities for data on agriculture and rural areas has produced a rich set of results which can guide data priority setting in the future. The exploration of how the information from the survey can be used in setting priorities is only begun in this paper. The results of the survey have also been used in the area work group papers and by the agricultural statistics agencies such as NASS and ERS to assess their data surveys and publications. While this is only one set of information which needs to be considered by statistical agencies in setting priorities, it provides important insights and information not previously available. At the same time, variations in the scope of data sets and issues, the linkages across data sets, and the lack of information on the relative importance of the

components of data sets or issues needs to be taken into account in using these results for data evaluation and policy development.

In this paper, we have only highlighted the important summary statistics from the survey. The presentation of ten, fifteen, or even twenty top data sets or issues, even when done by association or area of focus, does not exhaust the information of the survey. In particular, it is left to the work groups to digest the more detailed results on priorities of data sets and issues. It is left to the statistical agencies to examine how the data sets they publish rank within the agency and with data published by other agencies. The priority issues have many implications for future data design and collection efforts.

There are relatively few surprises in the results presented in the paper. The general data sets, data on prices, and the core agricultural data in general ranked high. Improved data quality and more data on critical issues (off-farm income, pesticides & herbicides, RSAs, etc.) were the top ranked issues. We leave it to symposium participants to assemble the details of priority statements which are supported by the survey of priorities for data on agriculture and rural areas.

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Table 5.1. Respondents by Membership in Participating Associations (Percent)

63.3%	- American Agricultural Economics Association
16.4%	- Rural Sociological Society
8.3%	- Community Development Society
6.9%	- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
3.1%	- American Council of Consumer Interest
2.3%	- Food Distribution Research Society
0.6%	- Socioeconomics Section, American Fisheries Society

Table 5.2. Respondents by Highest Degree Attained (Percent)

4.2%	- BS/BA
26.5%	- MS/MA
0.1%	- LLD
65.0%	- PhD
1.5%	- Other

Table 5.3. Respondents by Primary Discipline of Expertise (Percent)

7.1%	- Sociology
7.6%	- Rural Sociology
0.9%	- Political Science
53.4%	- Agricultural Economics
12.8%	- Economics
1.1%	- Statistics
0.6%	- Operations Research
18.2%	- Other

Table 5.4. Respondents by Current Employment (Percent)

60.7%	- College or University
3.8%	- Industry
13.7%	- Federal Government
3.3%	- State or Local Government
5.3%	- Consultant
4.0%	- Non-Profit Organization
10.3%	- Other

Table 5.5. Respondents by Employment Responsibilities (If more than one, check your two primary responsibilities.) (Percent)

33.9%	- Resident Instruction
62.6%	- Research
19.4%	- Outreach Education (Extension)
2.3%	- Data Processing
19.6%	- Management/Administration
0.8%	- Sales
11.4%	- Other

Table 5.6. Respondents by Primary Area of Focus (If more than one, check the two main areas.) (Percent)

17.3%	- Agricultural Production and Farm Management
16.6%	- Agricultural Marketing and Business Management
6.2%	- Agricultural Finance
2.3%	- Agricultural Cooperatives
15.3%	- Agricultural Policy
5.1%	- Structure of Agriculture
15.1%	- International Trade and Development
10.0%	- Consumption and Demand Analysis
5.2%	- Demography
20.5%	- Environmental and Natural Resources
18.1%	- Community and Rural Development
4.4%	- I have no primary focus, e.g., manager/administrator
16.2%	- Other

Table 5.7. Respondents by Primary Area of Focus by Association (Percent)

Primary Area of Focus	Association ^a						
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI ^b	SE-AFS
1. Agricultural Production and Farm Management	26.1	3.1	2.8	7.3	1.4	0.0	5.9
2. Agricultural Marketing and Business Management	25.1	1.2	2.0	1.0	75.7	0.0	5.9
3. Agricultural Finance	9.6	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4. Agricultural Cooperatives	3.5	0.6	1.2	0.0	2.9	1.1	0.0
5. Agricultural Policy	22.7	6.3	4.4	10.6	4.3	0.0	0.0
6. Structure of Agriculture	4.4	15.7	4.0	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0
7. International Trade and Development	21.5	5.9	3.6	7.7	14.3	1.1	0.0
8. Consumption and Demand Analysis	10.4	2.0	2.0	11.1	35.7	23.7	0.0
9. Demography	0.8	21.6	11.6	1.0	4.3	4.3	5.9
10. Environmental and Natural Resources	18.6	19.8	10.4	91.3	4.3	0.0	94.1
11. Community and Rural Development	9.7	52.5	79.6	7.3	0.0	1.1	11.8
12. Have No Primary Focus	3.5	4.5	6.0	0.0	2.9	9.7	0.0

^aThe percentages are obtained by dividing the respondents of the primary area of focus by the associated respondents of membership: AAEA = 1896, RSS = 490, CDS = 250, AERE = 207, FDRS = 70, ACCI = 93, SE-AFS = 17.

^bIn addition to the twelve listed areas of focus, an other category was available. Many respondent members of ACCI listed an area of focus in the other alternative.

Table 5.8. Respondents by Geographic Levels of Data Used Most Often (List up to 3 levels.) (Percent)

31.9%	- International
62.2%	- National
17.4%	- Multistate Regional
55.2%	- State/Province
14.2%	- Multicounty Regional (MSA, etc.)
33.8%	- County
8.6%	- Township, Municipality, etc.
0.3%	- Other

Table 5.9. Respondents by Uses Made of a Micro Computer (Percent)

7.9%	- I do not use a micro computer
83.0%	- Word Processing
62.5%	- Spread Sheet Analysis
55.2%	- Graphics
64.8%	- Statistical Analysis
40.1%	- On-Line File/Data Transfer
8.4%	- Other

Table 5.10. Respondents by Most Important Means of Data Access Data Access (List up to 2 means.) (Percent)

18.3%	- On-line Data System
16.5%	- Tape (9-track, for example)
1.4%	- CD-ROM
41.3%	- Floppy Disks
76.4%	- Printed Publications
2.4%	- Other

Table 5.11. Seventeen Data Sets with Thirty Percent or More of All Respondents Ranking the Data Set as Used and Very Important, by Rank

Data Set			Rank in Top 15 ^c	
# ^a	Name	%	Top Ten ^b (Rank)	Field Assn. (12) (5)
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	54	3	12 5
1	Census of Agriculture	50	1	11 5
6	Census of Population & Housing	46	2	6 3
14	Current Population Survey	45	4	6 3
122	Producer Prices & Price Indexes	42	NR	8 3
26	Prices Received by Farmers	38	6	9 1
75	Agricultural Outlook	38	9	9 2
25	Prices Paid by Farmers	37	7	8 1
27	Number of Farms	35	NR	8 3
38	Field Crop Acreage & Production	32	13	5 1
120	Consumer Expenditure Survey	32	11	2 2
23	Farm Costs & Returns Survey	32	5	5 1
53	Econ. Indicators: Costs of Prod.	32	12	5 1
20	U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	31	NR	4 2
47	World Agr. Supply & Demand Est.	31	NR	4 1
24	Farm Production Expenditures	31	14	5 1
130	Survey of Current business	30	15	2 2

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

^bRank in ten most important data sets question (Table 5.12). NR means it was not ranked as one of the top fifteen by this criteria.

^cNumber of areas of focus (out of 12) or associations (5) in which the data set ranks in the top 15.

Table 5.12. Fifteen Data Sets with Ten Percent or More of All Respondents Ranking the Data Set as One of the Ten Most Important Data Sets, by Rank

# ^a	Date Set		Used & Very Important ^b (Rank)	Rank in Top 15 ^c	
	Name	%		Areas (12)	Assn. (7)
1	Census of Agriculture	36	2	12	5
6	Census of Population & Housing	26	3	6	6
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	22	1	9	6
14	Current Population Survey	18	4	6	5
23	Farm Costs & Returns Survey	15	12	8	1
26	Prices Received by Farmers	15	6	8	1
25	Prices Paid by Farmers	14	8	6	1
17	County & City Data Book	13	NR	4	4
75	Agricultural Outlook	13	7	9	1
51	Economic Indicators: Nat. Fin. Sum.	13	NR	5	1
120	Consumer Expenditure Survey	13	11	4	3
53	Econ. Indicators: Prod. & Eff. Stats	12	13	3	1
38	Field Crop Acreage & Production	11	10	5	1
24	Farm Production Expenditures	10	16	4	1
130	Survey of Current Business	10	17	2	3

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

^bRank in used and very important section (Table 5.11). NR means it was not ranked as one of the top seventeen by this criteria.

^cNumber of areas of focus (out of 12) or associations (7) in which the data set ranks in the top 15.

Table 5.13. The Ten Highest Ranked Used and Very Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992)

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A. Current Data Sets												
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys												
1. Census of Agriculture	70	59	68	66	66	80			47	46	57	40
2. Farm Finance Survey			68									
Other Censuses and Surveys												
6. Census of Population and Housing						64		47	84	50	76	53
7. 1980 PUMS-D									44			
8. Census of Business											40	
14. Current Population Survey						57		56	85	44	67	52
15. County Business Patterns									45		46	
17. County and City Data Book									64	31	52	33
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics							68					
21. World Population									43			
National Agricultural Statistics Service												
23. FCR Survey--Farm Finance	65		73		55	48						
24. Farm Population Exp.	64		66	53		45						
25. Prices Paid by Farmers	70	62	68	60	64							
26. Prices Received by Farmers	71	65	68	63	65							
27. Number of Farms	59			56		65						
28. Farm Labor						47						
38. Field Crop Acreage & Prod.	60	54										
47. World Agr. Supply & Demand Estimates					57		56					
Economic Research Service												
51. Economic Indicators: Financial Summary			69			46						
53. Economic Indicators: Costs of Production	60		63		60							
58. Agricultural Land Values			58									
59. Farm Population						55					41	

Table 5.13. The Ten Highest Ranked Used and Very Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
60. Food Consumption Statistics		56						50				33
63. Foreign Agr. Trade Stat.		52			59		66					
74. Food Expenditures								50				
75. Agricultural Outlook	55	59	60	59	62	46						34
77. Foreign Agr. Trade of U.S. Situation & Outlook Reports							62					
80. Agricultural Exports							50					
84. Dairy				53								
Agricultural Marketing Service												
117. Market News		53										
Agricultural Cooperative Service												
118. Farmer Cooperative Stat. Soil Conservation Service				77								
119. National Resources Inv. Bureau of Labor Statistics										34		
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey								68				42
121. Consumer Prices/Price Indexes	54	68		67	62		55	77	45	55	45	56
122. Producer Prices/Price Indexes		59		56	56		49	54		46		39
124. Employment & Earnings Stat. for States & Areas									43	33	40	33
125. Employment & Earnings Stat. for the United States												36
Bureau of Economic Analysis												
128. Local Area Personal Income											38	
129. Personal Consumption Exp.								49				
130. Survey of Current Business								40		34		
Human Nutrition Information Ser.												
132. Household Food Cons. Survey								48				
Fish & Wildlife Service												
134. Nat. Sur. Hunt, Fish, Wildlife Rec.											31	
National Center for Health Stat.												
163. Vital Statistics of U.S.									59			

Table 5.13. The Ten Highest Ranked Used and Very Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
United Nations/FAO												
166. FAO Production Yearbook							66					
167. FAO Trade Yearbook							64					
169. FAO Statistical Yearbook							52					
Other National & Int'l Data Sets												
221. NORC General Social Survey									44			

aDescription of area of focus follows with number of respondents from which the percents are calculated in parentheses. 1 = Agricultural Production and Farm Management (517), 2 = Agricultural Marketing and Business Management (496), 3 = Agricultural Finance (186), 4 = Agricultural Cooperatives (69), 5 = Agricultural Policy (457), 6 = Structure of Agriculture (153), 7 = International Trade and Development (452), 8 = Consumption and Demand Analysis (300), 9 = Demography (155), 10 = Environmental and Natural Resources (612), 11 = Community and Rural Development (541), and 12 = I have no primary focus (132).

Table 5.14. The Ten Highest Ranked of the Ten Most Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992)

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A. Current Data Sets												
Bureau of the Census												
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys												
1. Census of Agriculture	43	27	37	37	29	46	18	12	28	28	34	24
2. Farm Finance Survey			33									
Other Censuses and Surveys												
6. Census of Population and Housing						25		16	55	22	46	23
7. 1980 PUMS-D									24			
8. Census of Business											15	
9. Census of Governments											12	
10. Census of Manufactures											12	
14. Current Population Survey						16		15	44	13	31	11
15. County Business Patterns						10			12		24	
17. County and City Data Book						13			31	13	29	
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Stat.							13					
National Agricultural Statistics Service												
23. FCR Survey--Farm Finance	30		40	18	14	13				10		14
24. Farm Population Exp.	25		21									
25. Prices Paid by Farmers	30	18	23	17	13							
26. Prices Received by Farmers	30	20	23	18	17							
27. Number of Farms						10						
29. Cattle of Feed		15										
30. Cattle Inventory		15		14								
32. Milk Prod./Disposition				15								
38. Field Crop Acreage & Prod.	20	14			12							
47. World Agr. Supply & Demand Estimates					14		13					
Economic Research Service												
51. Economic Indicators: Financial Summary	21		37		19	12						10

Table 5.14. The Ten Highest Ranked of the Ten Most Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
52. Economic Indicators:												
Prod. & Efficiency Stat.	19		20	13	13	11						
53. Economic Indicators:												
Costs of Production	25		25		18							
56. Uses of Land in U.S.										10		
58. Agricultural Land Values			21									
59. Farm Population						11						
60. Food Consumption Statistics								15				9
63. Foreign Agr. Trade Stat.							18					
74. Food Expenditures								12				
75. Agricultural Outlook	15	15		14	18							9
77. Foreign Agr. Trade of U.S.							21					
Situation & Outlook Reports												
84. Dairy				15								
87. Livestock & Poultry		14										
Foreign Agricultural Service												
103. World Grain Sit. & Outlook							13					
Agricultural Marketing Service												
117. Market News		15										
Agricultural Cooperative Service												
118. Farmer Cooperative Stat.				37								
Soil Conservation Service												
119. National Resources Inv.										15		
Bureau of Labor Statistics												
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey								36	12			14
121. Consumer Prices/Price Indexes		17						36		18		17
122. Producer Prices/Price Indexes								10		10		8
124. Empl. & Earn., States & Areas											14	
Bureau of Economic Analysis												
128. Local Area Personal Income											13	
129. Personal Consumption Exp.								16				
Human Nutrition Information Ser.												
132. Household Food Cons. Survey								22				

Table 5.14. The Ten Highest Ranked of the Ten Most Important Data Sets for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number and Name	Primary Area of Focus ^a											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fish & Wildlife Service												
134. Nat. Sur. Hunt, Fish												
Wildlife Recreation										16		
National Center for Health Stat.												
163. Vital Statistics of U.S.									28			
United Nations/FAO												
166. FAO Production Yearbook							25					
167. FAO Trade Yearbook							22					
185. U.N. Demographic Yearbook									14			
International Financial Inst.												
197. World Bank: World												
Development Report							19					
199. IMF Int'l Financial Stat.							21					
Other National & Int'l Data Sets												
220. Nat. Longitudinal Surveys									12			

aDescription of area of focus follows with number of respondents from which the percents are calculated in parentheses. 1 = Agricultural Production and Farm Management (517), 2 = Agricultural Marketing and Business Management (496), 3 = Agricultural Finance (186), 4 = Agricultural Cooperatives (69), 5 = Agricultural Policy (457), 6 = Structure of Agriculture (153), 7 = International Trade and Development (452), 8 = Consumption and Demand Analysis (300), 9 = Demography (155), 10 = Environmental and Natural Resources (612), 11 = Community and Rural Development (541), and 12 = I have no primary focus (132).

Table 5.15. Twenty Highest Ranked Data Sets by Respondent Members of AAEEA: Percent Ranked as Used and Very Important and Ten Most Important Data Sets

# ^a	Date Set Name	Percent	
		Used and Very Important	Ten Most Important
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	61	15
1	Census of Agriculture	59	30
26	Prices Received by Farmers	55	16
25	Prices Paid by Farmers	53	15
122	Producer Prices & Price Indexes	53	8
75	Agricultural Outlook	50	13
38	Field Crop Acreage & Production	46	12
23	Farm Costs & Returns Survey	45	16
53	Econ Indicators: Costs of Production	45	13
47	World Agr. Supply & Demand Est.	44	8
24	Farm Production Expenditures	44	11
27	Number of Farms	44	
63	Foreign Agr. Trade Statistics	43	7
20	U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	42	
51	Econ Indicators: Nat. Financial Sum.	40	14
14	Current Population Survey	39	7
6	Census of Population & Housing	38	11
77	Foreign Agr. Trade of U.S.	38	7
52	Econ Indicators: Prod. & Efficiency	37	10
130	Survey of Current Business	36	9
166	FAO Production Yearbook		8
199	IMF: Intl. Financial Statistics		7

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.16. Ten Highest Ranked Data Sets by Respondent Members of RSS:
Percent Ranked as Used and Very Important and Ten Most Important Data
Sets

Data Set		Percent	
# ^a	Name	Used and Very Important	Ten Most Important
6	Census of Population & Housing	73	44
14	Current Population Survey	64	31
1	Census of Agriculture	54	33
17	County & City Data Book	54	29
59	Farm Population	40	11
163	Vital Statistics of the U.S.	37	14
221	NORC: General Social Survey	34	11
27	Number of Farms	34	
15	County Business Patterns	31	13
21	World Population	29	
7	1980 Public Use Micro-Data (PUMS-D)		15
124	Empl. & Earnings for States and Areas		8

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.17. Ten Highest Ranked Data Sets by Respondent Members of CDS:
Percent Ranked as Used and Very Important and Ten Most Important Data
Sets

Data Set		Percent	
# ^a	Name	Used and Very Important	Ten Most Important
6	Census of Population & Housing	78	48
14	Current Population Survey	68	28
1	Census of Agriculture	52	32
17	County & City Data Book	52	26
8	Census of Business	50	22
15	County Business Patterns	47	28
128	Local Area Personal Income	44	17
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	42	
59	Farm Population	39	
124	Empl. & Earnings for States & Areas	39	14
10	Census of Manufactures		15
9	Census of Governments		13

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.18. Ten Highest Ranked Data Sets by Respondent Members of AERE:
Percent Ranked as Used and Very Important and Ten Most Important Data
Sets

Data Set		Percent	
# ^a	Name	Used and Very Important	Ten Most Important
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	66	24
122	Producer Prices & Price Indexes	58	11
6	Census of Population & Housing	52	20
130	Survey of Current Business	49	17
14	Current Population Survey	43	11
124	Empl. & Earnings for States & Areas	40	
10	Census of Manufactures	39	13
125	Empl. & Earnings for U.S.	39	
134	Nat. Sur. of Hunt, Fish & Wildlife	38	20
1	Census of Agriculture	35	19
17	County & City Data Book		9
191	Yearbook of Fishery Stats		9

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.19. Eleven Highest Ranked Data Sets by Respondent Members of FDRS: Percent Ranked as Used and Very Important and Ten Most Important Data Sets

Data Set		Percent	
# ^a	Name	Used and Very Important	Ten Most Important
60	Food Consumption Statistics	79	25
121	Consumer Prices & Price Indexes	77	28
74	Food Expenditures	70	24
8	Census of Business	67	30
70	Farm & Retail Price Spreads	66	20
120	Consumer Expenditure Survey	63	24
132	Household Food Cons. Survey	61	24
69	Marketing Bill	60	26
71	Marketing Costs	60	19
75	Agricultural Outlook	60	
122	Producer Prices & Price Indexes	60	
76	National Food Review		25
1	Census of Agriculture		24

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.20. Ten Highest Ranked Data Sets on the Ten Most Important Data Sets Criterion by Respondent Members of ACCI (Percent)

Data Set		
# ^a	Name	Percent
120	Consumer Expenditure Survey	56
121	Consumer Prices and Price Indexes	44
246	Family Budgets	41
6	Census of Population & Housing	29
14	Current Population Survey	29
129	Personal Consumption Expenditures	24
219	Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)	24
124	Empl. & Earnings for States & Areas	19
125	Empl. & Earnings for U.S.	18
132	Household Food Cons. Survey	17

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.21. The "Bakers Dozen" Top Issues Ranked as Very Important by All Respondents, by Rank

Issue			Rank in Top 10 ^c	
# ^a	Description	%	Top Five ^b (Rank)	Areas (12)
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	37	8	10
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	34	12	10
9	Improve data on off-farm income	33	4	11
43	Estimate nonsampling errors	33	No	9
18	Data on cost of prod/per unit of output	31	1	7
31	Better def. & measure of rural pop.	31	5	5
30	Measures of food safety	29	13	6
33	Cost of living, etc., indexes for RSAs	29	11	4
39	Inventory of pesticide & herbicide appl.	29	6	4
32	Develop set of RSAs	28	3	4
22	Data on trade protection & intervention	28	2	6
23	Real exchange rate series	27	9	7
19	Data on standard units of production	25	No	6

^aThe item number of the issue in Section II A of the questionnaire.

^bRank in five most important issues question (Table 20).

^cNumber of areas of focus (out of 12) or associations (5) in which the issue ranks in the top 10.

Table 5.22. The "Bakers Dozen" Top Issues Ranked as One of the Five Most Important Issues by All Respondents, by Rank

# ^a	Issue Description	%	Very Important (Rank)	Rank in Top 10 ^c	
				Areas (12)	Assn. (7)
18	Data on cost of prod/per unit of output	21	5	9	2
22	Data on trade protection & intervention	21	11	8	3
32	Develop set of RSAs	20	10	6	3
9	Improve data on off-farm income	18	3	9	4
31	Better def. & measure of rural pop.	17	6	4	3
39	Inventory of pesticide & herbicide appl.	17	9	4	4
38	Enhance ambient quality monitoring	17	No	1	3
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	16	1	9	3
23	Real exchange rate series	16	12	4	1
1	Establish mid-decade census	15	No	4	4
33	Cost of living, etc., indexes for RSAs	15	8	4	3
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	15	2	9	3
30	Measures of food safety	14	7	4	4

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

^bRank in very important issues section (Table 19).

^cNumber of areas of focus (out of 12) or associations (7) in which the issue ranks in the top 10.

Table 5.23. The Ten Highest Ranked Very Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992)

Issue Number and Description ^a	Primary Area of Focus ^b											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
General Issues												
1. Establish mid-decade census									60		48	
2. Convert to Census of Agr. & Rural Households						51			37		50	27
Production Agriculture												
3. Separate business operations from households in agr. data	31		38	30		49						
7. Series on personal income of farm households						50						
9. Improve data on off-farm income	36		46	33	41	61	32	30	42	27	53	31
10. Better def & measure of farm pop.	40	33	42	38	39	56	31		48		51	34
12. Reinstate farm labor # in Agr Census						47						
13. Farm labor by class of farm						46						
14. Agr. Census direct mktg. items				34								
18. Develop data on cost of prod/ per unit of output	55	44	52	43	47		34			29		
19. Data on std. units of prod.	46	40	35	34	37		32					
20. Expand sample size of FCRs	44		48		33							
21. Reinstate data specialty commodities		32										
International Trade/Macroeconomics												
22. Data on trade protection & intervention		40	33	32	50		68	30				
23. Real exchange rate series	29	40	36	30	48		63	30				
Household Demand & Consumption of Food												
24. Disagg. Exp. Sur. in quantities & prices								54				
26. Reinstate BLS family budgets data								36				
27. Special consumer panel of 1,000+								55				
28. Data on food service & retail foods		36		30				39				
30. Measures of food safety		31		34			29	41		34		34

Table 5.23. The Ten Highest Ranked Very Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number and Description ^a	Primary Area of Focus ^b											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Community Development/Rural Households												
31. Better def. & measure rural pop.						54	25		52		59	34
32. Develop set of RSAs				30		47			52		58	29
33. Cost of living indexes for RSAs				32					53		61	33
34. Data on rural underemployed						49			48		59	
35. Reinstate annual rural sample											38	
Environment & Resources												
37. Inv. of point-source air & water pollution										46		
38. Enhance ambient quality monitoring										57		
39. Inventory of pesticide & herbicide applications	34				34					52		26
40. Systematic fishing & harvest stats.										40		
41. Nat. sur. of water-ass. recreation										48		
Quality of Statistics												
42. Estimate & publish std. errors	37	39	37		37		34	47	42	46	37	29
43. Estimate nonsampling errors	33	33	34		34		31	42	37	42		29

^aSee questionnaire, Section II-A for complete statement of each issue.

^bDescription of area of focus follows with number of respondents from which the percents are calculated in parentheses. 1 = Agricultural Production and Farm Management (517), 2 = Agricultural Marketing and Business Management (496), 3 = Agricultural Finance (186), 4 = Agricultural Cooperatives (69), 5 = Agricultural Policy (457), 6 = Structure of Agriculture (153), 7 = International Trade and Development (452), 8 = Consumption and Demand Analysis (300), 9 = Demography (155), 10 = Environmental and Natural Resources (612), 11 = Community and Rural Development (541), and 12 = I have no primary focus (132).

Table 5.24. The Ten Highest Ranked of the Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992)

Issue Number and Description ^a	Primary Area of Focus ^b											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Number and General Issues												
1. Establish mid-decade census								11	39		27	13
2. Convert to Census of Agr. & Rural Households						18			15		21	12
Production Agriculture												
3. Separate business operations from households in agr. data			22	13								
4. Develop weather index	12											
5. Data on excess agr. prod. cap.					12		10					
7. Series on personal income of farm households			18									
9. Improve data on off-farm income	18	12	31	14	15	22	12		9		18	
10. Better def & measure of farm pop.	14		19	16	12	22	10		24		15	14
11. Public use sample farm units						17						
12. Reinstate farm labor # in Agr Census						12						
16. Redefine farm as \$20,000 or more	13		16									
18. Develop data on cost of prod/ per unit of output	38	26	38	26	29	18	18			14		11
19. Data on std. units of prod.	22	15	15	11	12		12					
20. Expand sample size of FCRs	22		33		16							
21. Reinstate data specialty commodities		17		14								
International Trade/Macroeconomics												
22. Data on trade protection & intervention	13	25	19	19	32	12	52	17				
23. Real exchange rate series		17	13		24		43	12				
Household Demand & Consumption of Food												
24. Disagg. Exp. Sur. in quantities & prices		13						35				
26. Reinstate BLS family budgets data								19				
27. Special consumer panel of 1,000+		20						37	12			

Table 5.24. The Ten Highest Ranked of the Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts for each Primary Area of Focus (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number and Description ^a	Primary Area of Focus ^b											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
28. Data on food service & retail foods		22		19				21				
29. Develop food quality index								13				
30. Measures of food safety				11			9	15		12		14
Community Development/Rural Households												
31. Better def. & measure rural pop.						16			36		34	22
32. Develop set of RSAs				13		15			38	12	40	17
33. Cost of living indexes for RSAs						13			33		29	16
34. Data on rural underemployed						12			16		26	12
35. Reinstate annual rural sample											11	
36. More narrowly define service ind.											13	
Environment & Resources												
37. Inv. of point-source air & water pollution										31		11
38. Enhance ambient quality monitoring										42		
39. Inventory of pesticide & herbicide applications	17				12		8			31		
40. Systematic fishing & harvest stats.										22		
41. Nat. sur. of water-ass. recreation										32		
Quality of Statistics												
42. Estimate & publish std. errors	13	13	13	11	12		14	17	13	16		11
43. Estimate nonsampling errors							8			10		

^aSee questionnaire, Section II-A for complete statement of each issue.

^bDescription of area of focus follows with number of respondents from which the percents are calculated in parentheses. 1 = Agricultural Production and Farm Management (517), 2 = Agricultural Marketing and Business Management (496), 3 = Agricultural Finance (186), 4 = Agricultural Cooperatives (69), 5 = Agricultural Policy (457), 6 = Structure of Agriculture (153), 7 = International Trade and Development (452), 8 = Consumption and Demand Analysis (300), 9 = Demography (155), 10 = Environmental and Natural Resources (612), 11 = Community and Rural Development (541), and 12 = I have no primary focus (132).

Table 5.25. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues by Respondent Members of AAEA:
Percent Ranked as Very Important and Five Most Important

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent	
		Very Important	Five Most Important
18	Data on cost of prod/per unit of output	40	24
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	38	14
22	Data on trade protection & intervention	36	22
23	Real exchange rate series	36	17
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	34	11
19	Data on std. units of prod.	34	13
9	Improve data on off-farm income	34	14
43	Estimate nonsampling errors	34	
20	Expand sample size of FCRS	31	13
39	Inventory of pesticide & herbicide appl.	30	13
38	Enhance ambient quality monitoring		12

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.26. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues by Respondent Members of RSS:
Percent Ranked as Very Important and Five Most Important

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent	
		Very Important	Five Most Important
31	Better def. & measure rural pop.	56	31
33	Cost of living indexes for RSAs	55	28
34	Data on rural underemployed	54	20
32	Develop set of RSAs	52	37
9	Improve data on off-farm income	49	17
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	49	20
2	Convert to Census of Agr. & Rur. Households	47	21
1	Establish mid-decade census	42	24
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	38	
43	Estimate nonsampling errors	36	
35	Reinstate annual rural sample		11
11	Public use sample of farm units		10

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.27. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues by Respondent Members of CDS:
Percent Ranked as Very Important and Five Most Important

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent	
		Very Important	Five Most Important
33	Cost of living indexes for RSAs	61	33
32	Develop set of RSAs	59	45
34	Data on rural underemployed	58	27
31	Better def. & measure of rural pop.	58	39
2	Convert to Census of Agr. & Households	54	24
1	Establish mid-decade census	53	30
9	Improve data on off-farm income	52	16
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	46	11
36	More narrowly define service ind.	42	15
35	Reinstate annual rural sample	39	
39	Inventory of pesticide & herbicide appl.		10

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.28. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues by Respondent Members of AERE:
Percent Ranked as Very Important and Five Most Important

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent	
		Very Important	Five Most Important
38	Enhance ambient quality monitoring	61	43
41	Nat. sur. of water-ass. recreation	52	35
37	Inv. of point-source air & water pollution	52	37
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	49	27
39	Inventory of pesticide and herbicide appl.	49	27
40	Systematic fishing & harvest stats.	45	27
43	Estimate nonsampling errors	44	16
30	Measures of food safety	31	10
23	Real exchange rate series	23	
22	Data on trade protection and intervention	21	9
1	Establish mid-decade census		7

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Table 5.29. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues by Respondent Members of FDRS: Percent Ranked as Very Important and Five Most Important

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent	
		Very Important	Five Most Important
28	Data on food service & retail foods	63	47
27	Special consumer panel of 1000+	59	43
24	Disagg. Exp. Sur. into quantity & prices	50	31
21	Reinstate data on specialty commodities	50	33
22	Data on trade protection & intervention	41	17
10	Better def. & measure of farm pop.	38	
18	Data on cost of prod/per unit of output	38	11
42	Estimate & publish std. errors	38	
19	Data on std. units of prod.	37	
43	Estimate nonsampling errors	36	11
30	Measures of food safety		24
29	Food quality index for major foods		17
14	Census of agr. direct mktg. items		13
40	Systematic fishing & harvest stats.		11

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

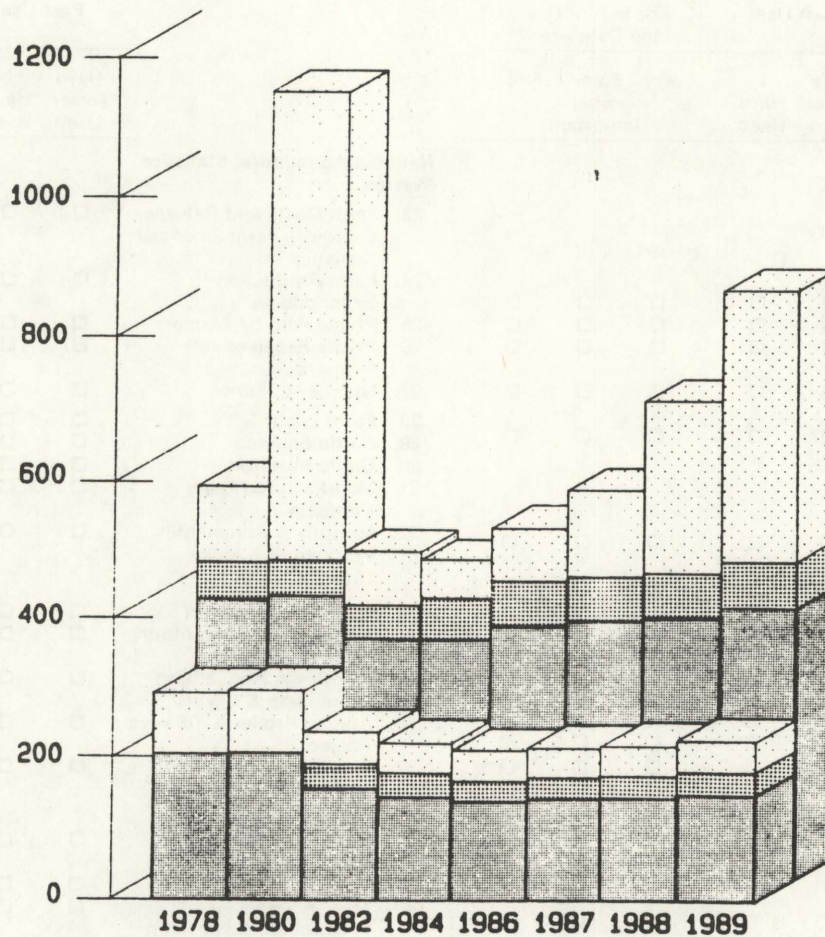
Table 5.30. The Ten Highest Ranked Issues on the Five Most Important Issues Criterion by Respondent Members of ACCI (Percent)

# ^a	Issue Description	Percent
26	Reinstate BLS family budgets data	55
27	Special consumer panel of 1000+	31
24	Disagg Exp. Sur. into quantity & prices	26
33	Cost of living etc. indexes for RSAs	25
30	Measures of food safety	24
1	Establish mid-decade census	23
31	Better def. & measure of rural population	23
32	Develop set of RSAs	17
9	Improve data on off-farm income	16
7	Series on personal income of farm households	14

^aThe item number of the data set in Section I, A & B of the questionnaire.

Questionnaire

Priorities for Data On Agriculture and Rural Areas



American Agricultural Economics Association
Rural Sociological Society
Community Development Society
Association of Environmental and Research Economists
Food Distribution Research Society

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Section I: Use of Statistical Data Sets

Listed below are statistical data sets commonly used by social scientists. Please check for each data set whether you have ever used it, either directly or indirectly, in your professional work, and if you have used it, whether that data set is Not Important, Somewhat Important or Very Important for your future use. **If you have not used a data set you need not rank its importance in future use.**

	Past Use		For Future Use the Data Are				Past Use		For Future Use the Data Are		
	Have Never Used	I Have Used	Very	Some- what Important	Not		Have Never Used	I Have Used	Very	Some- what Important	Not
A. Current Data Sets						National Agricultural Statistics Service					
Bureau of the Census											
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys											
1. Census of Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Farm Costs and Returns Survey — Farm Financial Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Farm Finance Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Farm Production Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25. Prices Paid by Farmers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Census of Horticultural Specialties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Prices Received by Farmers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Cotton Ginnings Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Number of Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Censuses and Surveys											
6. Census of Population & Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28. Farm Labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. 1980 Public Use Micro-Data (PUMS-D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29. Cattle on Feed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Census of Business (Wholesale & Retail, Services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30. Cattle Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Census of Governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	31. Manufactured Dairy Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Census of Manufactures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	32. Monthly & Annual Milk Production & Milk Disposition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Census of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	33. Hogs & Pigs Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Census of Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	34. Annual Sheep Inventory & Wool Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Census of Mineral Industries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35. Monthly & Annual Egg Production & Layers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Current Population Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	36. Annual Broiler & Turkeys Raised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. County Business Patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	37. Weekly, Monthly, & Annual Hatchery Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	38. Field Crop Acreage & Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. The County and City Data Book	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	39. Grain Stocks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40. Meat Animals — Production, Disposition & Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. American Housing Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	41. Vegetable Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	42. Fruit and Nut Production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. World Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	43. Floricultural Crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Annual Survey of Manufactures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	44. Cold Storage Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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						47. World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						48. Weekly Weather Crop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						49. Crop County Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						50. Livestock County Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Past Use		For Future Use the Data Are		
	Have Never Used	I Have Used	Very	Some- what Important	Not
Economic Research Service					
51. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: National Financial Summary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Production and Efficiency Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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54. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Farm Sector Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
55. Hired Farm Work Force	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
56. Major Uses of Land in the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
57. Farmland Market Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
58. Agricultural Land Value Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
59. Farm Population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60. Food Consumption Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
61. Farm Taxes: Farm Real Estate Taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
62. Farm Taxes: Personal Property Taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
63. Foreign Agriculture Trade Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
64. Production Database (Foreign)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
65. U.S. Concessional Agricultural Exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
66. Commodity Trade Matrices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
67. World Agricultural Trends and Indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
68. Market Basket	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
69. Marketing Bill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
70. Farm & Retail Price Spreads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
71. Marketing Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
72. Commodity News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
73. Commodity Market Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
74. Food Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75. Agricultural Outlook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
76. National Food Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
77. Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
78. Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
79. Agricultural Chartbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Situation & Outlook Reports					
80. Agricultural Exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
81. Agricultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
82. World Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
83. Cotton & Wool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
84. Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
85. Feed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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103. World Grain Situation & Outlook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
104. Export Markets for U.S. Grain & Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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118. Farmer Cooperative Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil Conservation Service					
119. National Resources Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bureau of Labor Statistics					
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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126. Productivity Indexes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bureau of Economic Analysis					
127. Farm Income and Expenditure Series	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Human Nutrition Information Service						157. National Air Pollutant Emission Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
132. Household Food Consumption Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	158. Air Pollution Permit Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
133. Food Intake by Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	159. Enforcement Record Data System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish & Wildlife Services						U.S. Council on Environmental Quality					
134. National Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife — Associated Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	160. Environmental Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. Geological Survey						National Center for Health Statistics					
135. National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN/WATSTORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	161. Nutritional Status Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bureau of Mines						162. Health U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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U.S. Coast Guard						164. Health Interview Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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140. Statistics of Income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	166. FAO Production Yearbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Corps of Engineers						179. World Agricultural Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Environmental Protection Agency						181. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
153. Storage and Retrieval of Aerometric Data (SAROAD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	182. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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187.	U.N. Animal Health Yearbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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International Financial Institutions						
192.	Joint Bank-Fund Library: Annual Reports of the World's Central Banks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
193.	World Economic Outlook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
194.	World Bank: World Development Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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204.	Interamerican Development Bank: Economic & Social Progress in Latin America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
205.	Latin American Financial Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)						
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212.	European Marketing Data & Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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218.	Statistics of Foreign Trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other National and International Data Sets

219.	Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
220.	National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
221.	National Opinion Research Center General Social Survey (NORC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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225.	Historic Statistics of the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Discontinued Statistical Data Sets

In addition, we would like your input on past use of discontinued data sets and the importance of the reinstitution of these data sets to your future work. Please respond using the same procedures for current data sets that were used in the previous section.

Bureau of the Census

230.	Census of Irrigation Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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232.	Census of Agricultural Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
233.	Census of Agriculture: Area Followup Sample	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
234.	Historical Statistics of the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

National Agricultural Statistics Service

235.	Minor Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
236.	Grass Seeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
237.	Bush and Caneberries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
238.	Apple Varieties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
239.	Commercial Fertilizer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
240.	Telephone & Electric Rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Economic Research Service

241.	Crop Respondent and Distribution Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
242.	Fruit & Vegetable Market News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
243.	Fresh Market Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
244.	Processing Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
245.	Small Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics

246.	Family Budgets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Federal Trade Commission

247.	Line of Business Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other (Please List)

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- C. Of the data sets previously listed, current or discontinued, please list (by number) those that are most important to you (up to 10) and how you currently access these data sets (check all that apply).

Data Set Number	General* Publ.	Agency Publ.	Floppy Disks	CD-ROM	Tape	On-Line	Other
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*General publications include Agricultural Statistics, the Statistical Abstract, and other publications which provide data from multiple series.

- D. Of the data sets that you have listed in C above, are there any for which you need more frequent publication of data, such as quarterly instead of annually or monthly instead of semi-annually?

Yes ☐

No ☐ If no, go to E

D.1. Data Set Number

D.2. How often is it needed?

- E. Of the data sets that you have listed in C, are there any for which you need smaller level geographic detail, such as state or county instead of national, or sub-state regional instead of state?

Yes ☐

No ☐ If no, go to Section II

E.1. Data Set Number

E.2. What Geographic Level is needed?

Section II: Issues

- A. Listed below are a series of statements about potential changes in future data collection and dissemination efforts. Please check whether each statement is *Very Important* (VI), *Somewhat Important* (SI), or *Not Important* (NI) to your future work, or that you *Don't Know* (DK), have no opinion about, or think this action should not be done.

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VI SI NI DK

General Issues

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Establish a mid-decade census of population and housing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Convert the present Census of Agriculture to a Census of Agriculture & Rural Households. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Production Agriculture

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| 3. Separate business operations from households for all agricultural data. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Develop a weather index by region and by commodity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Develop annual data series on excess agricultural production capacity (sum of acreage diversion, stock accumulation, and net subsidized exports). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Develop inflation-adjusted sales classes of farms. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Develop series on personal income of farm households (e.g., adjust for number of households in unit), cross-classified by farm size, type, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Provide a measure of household poverty by economic sales (or sales adjusted) class of farm. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Improve data on off-farm income of farm households (e.g., type of income) by place of employment, occupation, and household member). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Develop a more meaningful definition and a better measure of the "farm population." | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Provide a public use cross-sectional/panel sample of farm (in addition to county) units from the census of agriculture. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Reinstate the census of agriculture items for the number of farm laborers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Develop series on farm labor (operator, family, hired) by economic class of farm. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Reinstate the census of agriculture items on direct marketing of farm products. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Redefine a farm as a unit normally selling \$2,500 or more of crops and livestock, compared with the current \$1,000 definition. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Redefine a farm as a unit selling at least \$20,000 of crops and livestock. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Develop a data base on subsistence farms in the rural sample of the American Housing Survey. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Develop data on the cost of production and the cost per unit of output by farm type and size. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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19. Provide data on standard units of production (e.g., bu., bales, cwt., etc.) in addition to dollar values of commodities.
20. Expand the sample size of the Farm Costs and Returns Survey (FCRS) so that state income estimates are reliable.
21. Reinstate the data series on specialty agricultural commodities (fruits, vegetables, seeds, nursery products, Christmas trees, equine, etc.).

International Trade/Macroeconomics

22. Develop a data series on trade protection and intervention of agricultural commodities by country, e.g., nominal and effective rates of protection, producer subsidy equivalents.
23. Develop real exchange rate series by country, by commodity, and by less developed, developed, and centrally planned country status.

Household Demand & Consumption of Food

24. Disaggregate household expenditures into quantities and prices of food items in the Continuing Household Expenditure Survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).
25. Establish data on food raised for direct on-farm household consumption.
26. Reinstate the BLS family budgets data.
27. Establish a special consumer panel of at least 1,000 households for data on demand analysis.
28. Develop a data base on the quantity and value of specific foods moving through the food service sector and the retail store sector.
29. Develop a food quality index for major food products.
30. Develop measures of food safety (pesticide residue, toxic substances, food contaminants).

Community Development/Rural Households

31. Develop a more meaningful definition and a better measure of the "rural population."
32. Develop a set of standard rural statistical areas (SRSAs), similar to standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSAs), on which major data series could be compiled and disseminated.
33. Develop cost of living, poverty, and other quality of life indexes for SRSAs similar to those for SMSAs.
34. Develop a data series on rural underemployed workers by age, education, gender, race, etc.
35. Reinstate the *annual* rural sample and the rural report, now issued every four years, of the American Housing Survey.
36. Provide reliable data for more narrowly defined service industries.

Environment & Resources

37. Use existing, but dispersed, permit and source monitoring information to produce a single inventory of point-source air and water pollution, containing data on quantities of discharges by type of discharge, location, and characteristics such as stack height and plume temperature.
38. Enhance current efforts at ambient quality monitoring and data systems management to produce a continuing inventory of ambient environmental quality, including the atmosphere and surface and ground water. Desirable characteristics of this inventory would include:
- Comprehensive coverage of the 50 states and their coastal zones.
 - Inclusion of quality measures that can be related to pollution discharges on the one hand and to human health, recreation, or more general environmental values on the other.
39. Develop and maintain a comprehensive inventory of pesticide and herbicide applications by type of compound, rate, timing and manner of application, and place of application.
40. Establish systematic intensity of fishing and fish harvest statistics for all coastal waters of the United States.
41. Establish and maintain a periodic national survey of water-associated recreation activities other than fishing and wildlife-watching. This should cover both contact and non-contact activities and should ask questions allowing direct and indirect estimation of willingness to pay rather than go without the activity. Respondent location should be identifiable to the census tract level.

Quality of Statistics

42. Estimate and publish standard errors of all probability based sample statistics.
43. Develop estimates of nonsampling errors and their components for major published statistics.

Additional Issues (Please list)

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45. _____

B. Please list the **numbers** of the **five** issues that are most important to you.

1. (____) 2. (____) 3. (____) 4. (____) 5. (____)

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In order to cross-tabulate information on use of data series and responses on importance of issues, some information on you and your professional responsibilities is needed.

- ☐ American Agricultural Economics Association
- ☐ Rural Sociological Society
- ☐ Community Development Society
- ☐ Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
- ☐ Food Distribution Research Society
- ☐ American Agricultural Law Association

- ☐ BS/BA ☐ MS/MA ☐ LLD ☐ PhD
☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ Sociology
- ☐ Rural Sociology
- ☐ Political Science
- ☐ Agricultural Economics
- ☐ Economics
- ☐ Statistics
- ☐ Operations Research
- ☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ College or University
☐ Industry
☐ Federal Government
☐ State or Local Government
☐ Consultant
☐ Non-Profit Organization
☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ Resident Instruction
☐ Research
☐ Outreach Education (Extension)
☐ Data Processing
☐ Management/Administration
☐ Sales
☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ Agricultural Production and Farm Management
- ☐ Agricultural Marketing and Business Management
- ☐ Agricultural Finance
- ☐ Agricultural Cooperatives
- ☐ Agricultural Policy
- ☐ Structure of Agriculture
- ☐ International Trade and Development
- ☐ Consumption and Demand Analysis
- ☐ Demography
- ☐ Environmental and Natural Resources
- ☐ Community and Rural Development
- ☐ I have no primary focus, e.g., manager/administrator.
- ☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ International
- ☐ National
- ☐ Multistate Regional
- ☐ State/Province
- ☐ Multicounty Regional (SMSA, etc.)
- ☐ County
- ☐ Township, Municipality, etc.

- ☐ I do not use a micro computer.
- ☐ Word Processing
- ☐ Spread Sheet Analysis
- ☐ Graphics
- ☐ Statistical Analysis
- ☐ On-Line File/Data Transfer
- ☐ Other (Please list) _____

- ☐ On-line data system
☐ Tape (9-track, for example)
☐ CD-ROM
☐ Floppy disks
☐ Printed Publications
☐ Other (Please list) _____

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Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992)

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
A. Current Data Sets					
Bureau of the Census					
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys					
1. Census of Agriculture	49.7	19.5	2.2	20.9	7.7
2. Farm Finance Survey	21.4	14.0	1.5	48.4	14.8
3. Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey	5.7	5.6	1.1	69.6	18.0
4. Census of Horticultural Specialties	4.0	5.3	0.9	73.0	16.8
5. Cotton Ginnings Program	1.7	1.9	1.0	79.6	15.8
Other Censuses and Surveys					
6. Census of Population and Housing	45.8	19.7	1.5	22.7	10.4
7. 1980 Public Use Micro-Data (PUMS-D)	8.2	2.3	0.3	69.2	20.0
8. Census of Business (Whole- sale & Retail, Services)	25.7	19.0	1.5	39.0	14.9
9. Census of Governments	14.4	10.8	1.2	57.1	16.6
10. Census of Manufactures	23.9	15.7	2.1	43.9	14.4
11. Census of Transportation	10.4	10.3	1.2	60.4	17.7
12. Census of Construction	6.4	5.1	1.2	68.9	18.3
13. Census of Mineral Industries	5.8	5.0	0.9	70.5	17.8
14. Current Population Survey	45.1	18.9	1.5	23.4	11.1
15. County Business Patterns	21.0	12.8	1.2	49.1	15.9
16. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States	7.1	9.3	1.4	62.7	19.6
17. County and City Data Book	26.2	17.0	1.8	41.1	13.8
18. Survey of Income and Pro- gram Participation (SIPP)	10.0	7.7	0.7	61.7	19.9
19. American Housing Survey	7.9	6.8	1.1	64.9	19.2
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	31.1	13.9	1.7	39.0	14.3
21. World Population	22.6	16.0	1.8	44.0	15.7
22. Annual Survey of Manufactures	13.8	13.1	1.2	54.9	17.0
National Agricultural Statistics Service					
23. Farm Costs and Returns Survey--Farm Finance Statistics	32.1	15.3	1.7	38.4	12.5

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
24. Farm Population Expenditures	31.0	15.6	1.7	39.3	12.3
25. Prices Paid by Farmers	37.1	15.1	1.4	34.9	11.5
26. Prices Received by Farmers	38.4	14.7	1.4	33.9	11.7
27. Number of Farms	35.3	17.7	2.1	33.2	11.8
28. Farm Labor	21.5	15.9	2.3	45.6	14.6
29. Cattle of Feed	19.3	11.0	1.5	53.8	14.4
30. Cattle Inventory	20.1	9.8	1.6	54.0	14.4
31. Manufactured Dairy Products	9.7	9.5	1.4	62.6	16.8
32. Monthly & Annual Milk Production & Milk Disposition	11.9	8.2	1.6	61.7	16.6
33. Hogs & Pigs Report	16.9	9.4	1.6	56.7	15.3
34. Annual Sheep Inventory & Wool Production	7.7	7.9	2.3	65.2	16.9
35. Monthly & Annual Egg Production & Layers	8.9	9.2	2.3	62.9	16.7
36. Annual Broilers & Turkeys Raised	10.2	8.4	1.9	62.9	16.7
37. Weekly, Monthly, & Annual Hatchery Production	6.8	5.9	1.7	67.9	17.7
38. Field Crop Acreage & Production	32.5	13.0	1.4	40.2	12.9
39. Grain Stocks	24.6	10.0	1.4	49.7	14.4
40. Meat Animals--Production, Disposition & Income	19.2	11.4	1.1	53.5	14.7
41. Vegetable Production	15.1	11.0	1.7	57.0	15.2
42. Fruit & Nut Production	14.0	9.6	1.6	58.9	15.9
43. Floricultural Crops	5.9	5.6	1.2	69.7	17.7
44. Cold Storage Report	9.2	6.1	1.4	66.2	17.1
45. Livestock Slaughter	16.1	9.8	1.5	57.6	15.0
46. Poultry Slaughter	12.2	6.7	1.4	62.8	16.8
47. World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates	31.1	13.7	1.7	39.5	14.0
48. Weekly Weather Crop	12.0	11.0	2.3	59.0	15.7
49. Crop County Estimates	15.3	10.7	1.5	56.8	15.7
50. Livestock County Estimates	12.0	9.5	1.6	60.7	16.2
Economic Research Service					
51. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: National Financial Summary	28.8	17.4	1.5	39.7	12.6
52. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Production and Efficiency Statistics	26.3	16.6	1.6	43.0	12.6

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
53. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Costs of Production	31.5	15.2	1.2	40.2	11.9
54. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Farm Sector Review	20.3	15.4	1.5	48.2	14.7
55. Hired Farm Work Force	11.8	12.9	2.3	57.2	15.8
56. Major Uses of Land in the United States	21.0	16.3	2.0	46.0	14.7
57. Farmland Market Statistics	16.7	12.8	1.0	54.5	14.9
58. Agricultural Land Value Statistics	22.0	17.1	1.4	45.6	13.9
59. Farm Population	26.3	18.7	2.3	39.7	13.1
60. Food Consumption Statistics	27.9	15.4	1.3	41.7	13.7
61. Farm Taxes: Farm Real Estate Taxes	10.9	11.7	1.8	60.1	15.6
62. Farm Taxes: Personal Property Taxes	8.2	9.9	2.1	63.5	16.4
63. Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistics	29.8	13.1	1.5	42.5	13.1
64. Production Database (Foreign)	13.4	6.8	0.8	61.8	17.2
65. U.S. Concessional Agricultural Exports	9.8	8.0	1.1	64.0	17.2
66. Commodity Trade Matrices	8.4	4.6	0.7	68.0	18.3
67. World Agricultural Trends and Indicators	18.4	13.5	1.2	51.7	15.2
68. Market Basket	13.7	11.8	1.6	57.7	15.2
69. Marketing Bill	11.9	9.1	1.5	62.1	15.4
70. Farm & Retail Price Spreads	19.8	13.5	2.3	50.7	13.7
71. Marketing Costs	15.0	11.7	1.2	57.3	14.8
72. Commodity News	12.6	11.5	1.4	59.2	15.2
73. Commodity Market Information	13.1	10.7	1.1	59.8	15.3
74. Food Expenditures	22.5	14.5	1.3	47.6	14.1
75. Agricultural Outlook	37.9	20.0	2.3	28.8	11.0
76. National Food Review	17.7	14.9	2.5	51.0	13.8
77. Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States	26.5	13.6	1.3	45.0	13.6
78. Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin	11.0	10.3	2.9	59.8	15.9
79. Agricultural Chartbook	21.1	18.4	4.6	43.1	12.8
Situation & Outlook Reports					
80. Agricultural Exports	23.9	14.8	1.5	45.9	13.9
81. Agricultural Resources	14.8	11.5	1.2	56.2	16.2

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
82. World Agriculture	21.3	16.0	1.5	46.8	14.4
83. Cotton & Wool	9.5	8.5	2.6	63.2	16.2
84. Dairy	14.6	11.1	1.8	57.7	14.8
85. Feed	18.3	11.0	1.6	54.2	14.8
86. Fruit & Tree Nuts	10.8	9.4	1.7	61.8	16.3
87. Livestock & Poultry	19.4	11.9	1.4	52.9	14.5
88. Oil Crops	16.1	10.7	1.5	56.9	14.7
89. Rice	9.6	8.5	2.0	64.0	15.8
90. Sugar & Sweetener	9.5	8.9	1.7	63.6	16.3
91. Tobacco	6.1	5.9	2.3	68.9	16.7
92. Vegetables & Specialties	11.5	9.9	1.7	61.2	15.8
93. Wheat	19.5	11.6	1.4	53.3	14.2
Foreign Agricultural Service					
94. U.S. Export Sales	16.3	12.1	1.3	55.3	14.9
95. Export Briefs	7.1	8.2	1.4	65.9	17.4
96. World Cocoa Situation	3.2	3.7	1.4	74.9	16.8
97. World Coffee Situation	3.5	4.4	1.3	73.9	16.8
98. World Cotton Situation	6.2	6.3	1.1	69.9	16.9
99. Dairy, Livestock & Poultry: Export Trade & Prospects	10.0	9.4	1.5	62.9	16.2
100. Meat & Dairy Monthly Imports	7.7	6.6	1.4	67.4	16.9
101. World Dairy Situation	7.9	6.7	1.4	67.7	16.2
102. World Livestock & Poultry Situation	10.0	8.7	1.2	63.8	16.3
103. World Grain Situation & Outlook	20.0	10.0	1.4	54.4	14.1
104. Export Markets for U.S. Grain & Products	13.7	9.3	1.4	59.2	16.5
105. USSR Grain Situation & Outlook	9.1	7.2	1.0	65.8	17.0
106. Horticultural Products Review	5.5	4.8	0.9	72.0	16.8
107. World Oilseed Situation & Market Highlights	11.1	7.5	0.9	64.7	15.8
108. U.S. Seed Exports	3.1	3.4	1.2	74.6	17.7
109. World Sugar & Molasses Situation & Outlook	5.2	4.6	1.0	72.4	16.8
110. World Honey Situation	1.6	2.5	1.3	77.5	17.1
111. World Tea Situation	1.5	2.1	1.1	78.8	16.5
112. U.S. Spice Trade	1.4	1.6	0.9	79.3	16.6
113. U.S. Essential Oil Trade	2.5	3.0	0.9	76.5	17.0
114. World Tobacco Situation	3.5	3.3	0.1	75.4	16.6
115. World Crop Production	15.7	8.6	1.1	59.1	15.5

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
116. Wood Products: International Trade & Foreign Markets	5.5	4.6	0.8	71.9	17.1
Agricultural Marketing Service					
117. Market News	19.2	13.3	2.0	51.3	14.2
Agricultural Cooperative Service					
118. Farmer Cooperative Statistics	9.5	12.4	2.9	59.4	15.8
Soil Conservation Service					
119. National Resources Inventory	15.2	8.7	1.4	57.5	17.2
Bureau of Labor Statistics					
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey	32.4	15.4	1.1	37.4	13.7
121. Consumer Prices and Price Indexes	54.3	15.7	1.0	18.9	10.1
122. Producer Prices and Price Indexes	42.2	13.6	1.1	31.0	12.0
123. U.S. Import & Export Price Indexes	20.7	9.1	0.8	52.9	16.5
124. Employment & Earnings Statistics for States & Areas	28.7	14.3	1.2	40.7	15.1
125. Employment & Earnings Statistics for the United States	28.2	14.3	1.2	41.9	14.3
126. Productivity Indexes	21.0	11.9	1.2	50.2	15.6
Bureau of Economic Analysis					
127. Farm Income & Expenditure Series	22.4	15.6	1.3	46.1	14.7
128. Local Area Personal Income	17.2	10.1	0.8	54.5	17.4
129. Personal Consumption Expenditures	23.7	13.3	1.2	47.1	14.8
130. Survey of Current Business	30.5	14.8	1.7	39.5	13.4
131. Business Conditions Digest	10.3	7.6	0.9	63.3	17.9
Human Nutrition Information Service					
132. Household Food Consumption Survey	18.8	11.5	1.6	52.4	15.7
133. Food Intake by Individuals	11.3	7.8	1.2	62.0	17.7
Fish & Wildlife Service					
134. National Survey of Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife-- Associated Recreation	8.2	3.9	0.6	69.7	17.6

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
135. National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN/WATSTORE)	4.5	2.3	0.2	74.5	18.6
Bureau of Mines					
136. Minerals Yearbook	4.0	3.9	1.1	74.6	16.4
137. Minerals Commodity Summaries	2.4	2.2	0.6	77.5	17.1
U.S. Coast Guard					
138. Coast Guard Boating Survey	1.2	1.5	0.3	80.0	17.0
139. Polluting Incidence in and Around U.S. Waters	2.6	1.5	0.2	76.7	19.1
Internal Revenue Service					
140. Statistics of Income	14.5	10.3	1.2	57.0	17.2
141. Farmers' Cooperative Income Statistics	5.9	5.4	0.6	69.8	18.3
Energy Information Administration					
142. Energy Statistics Yearbook	8.8	7.8	1.1	65.2	17.2
143. Annual Energy Review	6.1	4.8	0.5	70.8	17.9
144. International Energy Prices	4.2	3.9	0.5	73.0	18.4
145. Annual Energy Outlook	4.9	5.1	0.7	71.0	18.2
146. State Energy Overview	2.9	2.9	0.4	75.1	18.7
147. Monthly Energy Review	3.8	2.2	0.6	75.4	18.1
148. International Energy Annual	2.9	2.1	0.3	75.7	19.0
149. Residential Energy Consumption Survey	4.7	3.6	0.7	72.7	18.3
150. Nonresidential Buildings Energy Consumption Survey	2.9	1.8	0.6	76.3	18.5
151. Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey	3.1	2.3	0.5	75.6	18.4
Corps of Engineers					
152. Recreation Resource Management System	2.9	3.4	0.6	75.3	17.8
Environmental Protection Agency					
153. Storage & Retrieval of Aerometric Data (SAROAD)	1.3	0.8	0.1	80.1	17.7
154. Storage & Retrieval of Water Quality Data (STORET)	4.0	1.8	0.1	73.4	20.7
155. National Water Quality Inventory	5.6	3.5	0.3	69.3	21.3
156. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	3.7	1.7	0.2	73.4	21.0

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
157. National Air Pollution Emission Estimates	3.5	2.0	0.2	73.8	20.7
158. Air Pollution Permit Records	1.5	1.0	0.1	77.1	20.3
159. Enforcement Record Data System	1.4	0.8	0.0	77.3	20.6
U.S. Council on Environmental Quality					
160. Environmental Quality	8.5	6.8	0.7	64.5	19.5
National Center for Health Statistics					
161. Nutritional Status Statistics	6.3	4.4	0.5	68.8	20.1
162. Health U.S.	6.0	3.9	0.4	70.0	19.9
163. Vital Statistics of the U.S.	17.6	9.7	1.1	54.0	17.5
Health & Human Services					
164. Health Interview Survey	4.2	2.2	0.3	73.2	20.0
National Climatic Data Center					
165. Weather Data	15.6	9.2	1.3	55.9	18.0
United Nations/FAO					
166. FAO Production Yearbook	23.0	14.6	1.6	47.0	13.9
167. FAO Trade Yearbook	20.7	11.2	1.7	51.6	14.8
168. FAO Annual Fertilizer Review	8.2	7.1	1.4	66.1	17.3
169. FAO Statistical Yearbook	20.3	15.0	1.7	47.5	15.4
170. Factual Data Banks in Agriculture	5.3	3.3	0.4	71.4	19.6
171. Commodity Trade Statistics	14.4	8.4	0.8	59.4	17.0
172. Commodity Production Statistics	13.6	8.2	0.9	60.1	17.3
173. World Food Aid Data Base	7.0	4.1	0.6	69.2	19.2
174. UNCTAD Commodity Yearbook	4.3	2.9	0.6	73.5	18.6
175. U.N. External Trade Statistics	6.6	3.6	0.6	70.6	18.6
176. Yearbook of World Energy Statistics: World Energy Supplies	4.5	2.9	0.7	72.9	19.0
177. FAO Food Balance Sheet	8.0	6.6	0.8	66.3	18.4
178. World Trade Annual	8.4	6.7	0.6	65.8	18.4
179. World Agricultural Survey	10.3	8.5	0.8	62.1	18.3
180. Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics	7.2	4.8	0.6	68.9	18.6
181. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific	6.0	3.9	0.6	69.9	19.6

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
182. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Africa	5.2	3.5	0.7	70.7	19.9
183. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Latin America	5.8	3.8	0.5	70.4	19.6
184. U.N. Statistical Yearbook	9.8	6.3	0.6	64.5	18.8
185. U.N. Demographic Yearbook	9.8	5.9	0.6	64.9	18.8
186. U.N. Demographic Database	4.8	2.5	0.6	72.3	19.9
187. U.N. Animal Health Yearbook	1.2	0.7	0.2	79.3	18.5
188. Yearbook of Labor Statistics	6.1	5.2	1.1	68.8	18.9
189. Yearbook of International Trade Statistics	10.0	5.2	0.5	66.1	18.2
190. Yearbook of Forest Products	3.1	1.8	0.6	75.5	18.9
191. Yearbook of Fishery Statistics	3.7	2.2	0.4	74.8	18.9
International Financial Institutions					
192. Joint Bank-Fund Library: Annual Reports of the World Central Banks	1.6	0.8	0.2	78.7	18.6
193. World Economic Outlook	10.0	9.7	0.9	61.8	17.7
194. World Bank: World Development Statistics	14.6	9.4	0.9	57.9	17.3
195. World Bank: World Debt Tables	8.2	6.5	0.8	66.2	18.3
196. World Bank: Commodity Trade & Price Trends	9.0	6.6	0.5	65.6	18.3
197. World Bank: World Development Report	14.8	7.1	1.0	60.3	16.8
198. World Bank: World Health Statistics	4.2	3.0	0.3	73.8	18.7
199. IMF International Financial Statistics	12.7	5.1	0.6	64.2	17.3
200. IMF Government Financial Statistics Yearbook	8.6	3.8	0.6	68.9	18.2
201. IMF Balance of Payments Yearbook	7.1	4.1	0.4	69.9	18.6
202. IMF Trade Statistics	8.2	4.5	0.3	68.8	18.3
203. IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook	5.6	3.0	0.3	72.5	18.6
204. Interamerican Development Bank: Economic & Social Progress in Latin America	3.6	2.8	0.4	74.6	18.7
205. Latin American Financial Statistics	2.4	1.5	0.3	76.8	18.9
206. Latin American Price Index Tables	2.1	1.1	0.3	77.3	19.1

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set	Future Importance			Have Never	Not ^a
Number & Name	Very	Somewhat	Not	Used	Answered
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)					
207. Economic Outlook	10.5	14.7	1.9	56.6	16.3
208. OECD Economic Surveys	8.4	12.4	1.5	61.0	16.7
209. OECD Financial Statistics	4.9	6.0	0.8	70.5	17.7
210. OECD Import-Export Microtables	2.9	2.6	0.4	75.6	18.6
211. National Accounts of OECD Countries	4.4	3.6	0.5	73.8	17.6
212. European Marketing Data & Statistics	2.3	2.7	0.2	75.9	19.0
213. Energy Statistics	2.2	2.5	0.2	77.0	18.0
214. Coal Information	1.2	1.1	0.2	79.5	17.9
215. OECD Environmental Data	2.2	1.9	0.2	77.1	18.6
216. Labor Force Statistics	4.2	3.3	0.4	73.4	18.7
217. Main Economic Indicators	6.7	6.3	0.8	68.0	18.2
218. Statistics of Foreign Trade	6.6	5.9	0.5	68.9	18.1
Other National & International Data Sets					
219. Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)	6.3	1.8	0.3	73.1	18.6
220. National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)	7.1	2.9	0.4	70.9	18.7
221. National Opinion Research Center General Social Survey (NORC)	9.6	4.9	0.7	66.7	18.0
222. National Opinion Research Center Farm Women Survey	4.1	2.9	0.6	74.1	18.3
223. National Fertility Survey	3.6	1.7	0.2	75.7	18.9
224. World Fertility Survey	1.4	0.4	0.1	78.5	19.6
225. ^b Historic Statistics of the United States	11.4	5.7	0.5	64.7	17.6
B. Discontinued Statistics Data Sets					
Bureau of the Census					
230. Census of Irrigation Organizations	1.7	1.6	0.5	78.5	17.7
231. Farm Energy Survey	2.4	3.8	0.7	74.8	18.2
232. Census of Agricultural Services	3.7	4.4	0.6	72.5	18.7
233. Census of Agriculture: Area Followup Sample	3.7	3.3	0.4	75.1	17.4
234. Historical Statistics of the United States	15.0	11.7	1.4	55.1	16.8

Appendix Table 5.1. The Future Importance of Statistical Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Future Importance			Have Never Used	Not ^a Answered
	Very	Somewhat	Not		
National Agricultural Statistics Service					
235. Minor Vegetables	4.5	3.3	0.5	75.4	16.2
236. Grass Seeds	1.4	1.8	0.6	79.2	17.1
237. Bush and Caneberries	1.6	1.1	0.4	79.9	17.0
238. Apple Varieties	2.5	2.5	0.5	77.7	16.8
239. Commercial Fertilizer	4.8	4.7	0.8	72.3	17.4
240. Telephone & Electric Rates	1.7	1.5	0.4	78.4	18.0
Economic Research Service					
241. Crop Respondent and Distribution Estimates	1.2	1.1	0.3	79.8	17.6
242. Fruit & Vegetable Market News	7.3	6.1	1.5	68.7	16.4
243. Fresh Market Vegetables	7.0	5.2	1.0	70.0	16.7
244. Processing Vegetables	6.3	4.4	1.0	71.6	16.7
245. Small Fruit	4.9	3.2	0.7	73.8	17.4
Bureau of Labor Statistics					
246. Family Budgets	10.7	7.1	0.8	63.1	18.3
Federal Trade Commission					
247. ^b Line of Business Data	2.7	1.7	0.2	77.5	17.9

^aEither did not answer, did not use but ranked as somewhat or very important, or used but did not rate importance.

^bData set numbers 226-229 and 248-249 were listed as "other" and were not tabulated for specific data series.

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
A. Current Data Sets					
Bureau of the Census					
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys					
1. Census of Agriculture	59.2	54.5	52.4	34.8	52.9
2. Farm Finance Survey	29.1	12.2	12.8	8.7	12.9
3. Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey	7.7	3.1	1.2	8.7	2.9
4. Census of Horticultural Specialties	5.6	2.0	1.2	1.5	18.6
5. Cotton Ginnings Program					
Other Censuses and Surveys					
6. Census of Population and Housing	37.9	72.9	77.6	51.7	40.0
7. 1980 Public Use Micro-Data (PUMS-D)	3.9	27.6	20.0	6.3	1.4
8. Census of Business (Wholesale & Retail, Services)	26.2	26.5	49.6	30.9	67.1
9. Census of Governments	13.3	19.8	36.4	22.7	8.6
10. Census of Manufactures	25.7	20.6	36.8	39.1	42.9
11. Census of Transportation	10.9	11.2	19.6	17.4	11.4
12. Census of Construction	5.9	8.2	15.2	11.1	4.3
13. Census of Mineral Industries	5.3	6.3	10.4	17.4	4.3
14. Current Population Survey	38.7	63.7	67.6	43.5	48.6
15. County Business Patterns	18.8	31.2	47.2	29.5	24.3
16. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States	8.1	6.1	8.0	7.3	11.4
17. County and City Data Book	19.0	54.3	51.6	31.9	18.6
18. Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)	6.4	16.1	16.4	4.4	10.0
19. American Housing Survey	3.9	15.3	14.8	5.3	5.7
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	41.9	11.8	13.2	24.2	50.0
21. World Population	24.3	29.2	21.6	14.0	24.3
22. Annual Survey of Manufactures	15.1	9.2	17.6	24.6	27.1
National Agricultural Statistics Service					
23. Farm Costs and Returns Survey--Farm Finance Statistics	45.1	12.7	11.6	18.8	20.0

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
24. Farm Population Expenditures	43.8	11.0	13.2	18.4	22.9
25. Prices Paid by Farmers	53.4	9.4	12.8	22.2	35.7
26. Prices Received by Farmers	54.9	10.4	14.4	22.7	38.6
27. Number of Farms	43.6	34.1	28.4	16.9	32.9
28. Farm Labor	25.8	26.1	21.2	9.2	12.9
29. Cattle of Feed	28.1	3.3	8.0	6.8	17.1
30. Cattle Inventory	29.1	4.1	8.4	7.3	21.4
31. Manufactured Dairy Products	13.5	2.5	5.2	2.4	12.9
32. Monthly & Annual Milk Production & Milk Disposition	17.1	2.2	4.4	2.9	11.4
33. Hogs & Pigs Report	24.8	3.3	7.2	3.9	20.0
34. Annual Sheep Inventory & Wool Production	11.2	0.6	2.8	1.9	8.6
35. Monthly & Annual Egg Production & Layers	12.9	1.0	3.6	1.9	11.4
36. Annual Broilers & Turkeys Raised	14.8	2.2	4.4	1.9	14.3
37. Weekly, Monthly, & Annual Hatchery Production	10.0	1.0	2.8	2.4	7.1
38. Field Crop Acreage & Production	46.1	11.8	14.0	18.8	25.7
39. Grain Stocks	36.1	4.1	8.4	10.1	22.9
40. Meat Animals--Production, Disposition & Income	28.0	3.3	6.8	5.3	20.0
41. Vegetable Production	21.6	4.3	7.6	5.8	45.7
42. Fruit & Nut Production	20.5	3.3	5.2	6.8	41.4
43. Floricultural Crops	8.5	1.6	3.2	1.9	22.9
44. Cold Storage Report	13.6	1.0	1.6	1.9	20.0
45. Livestock Slaughter	23.8	2.5	5.6	4.4	21.4
46. Poultry Slaughter	18.1	2.0	4.4	3.9	18.67
47. World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates	43.9	11.8	12.4	15.0	40.0
48. Weekly Weather Crop	17.5	2.9	6.0	4.5	5.7
49. Crop County Estimates	21.6	5.3	9.2	9.7	15.7
50. Livestock County Estimates	16.9	4.3	7.2	5.8	10.0
Economic Research Service					
51. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: National Financial Summary	39.8	15.9	16.8	15.0	34.3
52. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Production and Efficiency Statistics	37.2	11.8	12.8	15.9	25.7

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
53. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Costs of Production	45.0	12.5	12.8	17.4	32.9
54. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Farm Sector Review	28.7	10.2	11.2	9.2	22.9
55. Hired Farm Work Force	13.9	17.1	12.8	5.3	10.0
56. Major Uses of Land in the United States	25.7	18.8	16.4	21.7	15.7
57. Farmland Market Statistics	23.6	6.7	10.4	11.6	11.4
58. Agricultural Land Value Statistics	29.4	13.1	16.0	17.4	12.9
59. Farm Population	28.3	40.4	39.2	7.7	22.9
60. Food Consumption Statistics	35.9	12.9	14.0	12.1	78.6
61. Farm Taxes: Farm Real Estate Taxes	15.1	3.5	8.8	7.7	4.3
62. Farm Taxes: Personal Property Taxes	11.2	2.9	7.2	5.8	1.4
63. Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistics	42.8	9.0	9.2	10.6	52.9
64. Production Database (Foreign)	18.9	4.9	3.6	2.9	15.7
65. U.S. Concessional Agricultural Exports	13.9	3.9	4.0	2.9	12.9
66. Commodity Trade Matrices	12.1	3.3	2.0	3.4	8.6
67. World Agricultural Trends and Indicators	24.5	13.3	10.0	6.8	22.9
68. Market Basket	17.0	6.1	6.0	5.3	50.0
69. Marketing Bill	16.8	2.7	2.8	4.4	60.0
70. Farm & Retail Price Spreads	27.8	5.5	6.4	6.8	65.7
71. Marketing Costs	21.2	3.7	5.2	4.8	60.0
72. Commodity News	18.4	3.1	3.6	3.9	32.9
73. Commodity Market Information	18.9	3.7	4.4	3.4	34.3
74. Food Expenditures	27.2	7.1	7.2	8.7	70.0
75. Agricultural Outlook	50.4	16.1	23.2	15.9	60.0
76. National Food Review	22.7	5.9	9.2	4.8	57.1
77. Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States	37.6	8.6	9.6	9.7	45.7
78. Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin	15.9	3.5	6.0	5.8	7.1
79. Agricultural Chartbook	27.7	14.1	19.2	10.1	38.6
Situation & Outlook Reports					
80. Agricultural Exports	33.9	9.0	11.6	6.3	35.7
81. Agricultural Resources	20.4	7.1	7.2	12.1	17.1

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
82. World Agriculture	28.7	13.7	9.2	10.1	27.1
83. Cotton & Wool	14.4	0.6	0.4	3.9	14.3
84. Dairy	21.7	1.8	0.8	4.4	21.4
85. Feed	27.8	1.4	2.8	5.8	20.0
86. Fruit & Tree Nuts	15.9	2.0	2.8	4.8	35.7
87. Livestock & Poultry	29.2	3.3	5.6	6.8	28.6
88. Oil Crops	24.3	1.2	2.8	6.8	14.3
89. Rice	14.4	1.2	0.4	4.4	11.4
90. Sugar & Sweetener	14.2	1.2	2.8	2.9	11.4
91. Tobacco	9.0	1.6	2.0	1.9	10.0
92. Vegetables & Specialties	17.0	2.9	3.2	5.8	42.9
93. Wheat	29.3	2.2	3.2	10.1	22.9
Foreign Agricultural Service					
94. U.S. Export Sales	22.8	5.3	8.0	5.3	21.4
95. Export Briefs	9.8	2.7	4.0	2.4	17.1
96. World Cocoa Situation	4.8	0.4	0.4	1.5	4.3
97. World Coffee Situation	5.2	0.4	0.0	1.9	7.1
98. World Cotton Situation	9.6	0.8	0.4	2.9	7.1
99. Dairy, Livestock & Poultry: Export Trade & Prospects	14.8	2.2	2.8	2.4	14.3
100. Meat & Dairy Monthly Imports	11.5	0.8	2.4	2.9	10.0
101. World Dairy Situation	11.7	2.0	1.6	1.5	5.7
102. World Livestock & Poultry Situation	14.6	2.9	3.2	3.4	14.3
103. World Grain Situation & Outlook	29.7	3.7	5.2	7.7	20.0
104. Export Markets for U.S. Grain & Products	20.0	3.5	4.0	3.9	21.4
105. USSR Grain Situation & Outlook	13.3	2.9	3.2	2.4	7.1
106. Horticultural Products Review	7.8	1.6	2.8	1.5	21.4
107. World Oilseed Situation & Market Highlights	16.7	1.0	2.8	3.4	10.0
108. U.S. Seed Exports	4.5	0.6	1.6	1.0	4.3
109. World Sugar & Molasses Situation & Outlook	7.7	1.0	1.6	1.5	4.3
110. World Honey Situation	2.4	0.0	0.4	1.5	1.4
111. World Tea Situation	2.2	0.6	0.4	1.9	2.9
112. U.S. Spice Trade	2.0	0.8	0.8	1.5	4.3
113. U.S. Essential Oil Trade	3.4	0.4	1.2	1.5	4.3
114. World Tobacco Situation	5.4	1.0	1.6	1.5	5.7
115. World Crop Production	23.2	4.5	4.4	6.3	15.7

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
116. Wood Products: International Trade & Foreign Markets	7.5	2.2	2.4	7.7	7.1
Agricultural Marketing Service					
117. Market News	26.7	5.3	9.6	5.8	45.7
Agricultural Cooperative Service					
118. Farmer Cooperative Statistics	12.4	7.1	9.2	1.5	24.3
Soil Conservation Service					
119. National Resources Inventory	18.5	13.9	12.0	24.2	4.3
Bureau of Labor Statistics					
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey	31.8	16.9	28.0	32.4	62.9
121. Consumer Prices and Price Indexes	60.6	28.8	42.0	65.7	77.1
122. Producer Prices and Price Indexes	53.4	13.7	24.4	58.5	60.0
123. U.S. Import & Export Price Indexes	25.5	8.8	12.8	26.1	18.6
124. Employment & Earnings Statis- tics for States & Areas	25.6	28.8	39.2	40.1	27.1
125. Employment & Earnings Statis- tics for the United States	25.8	27.4	33.2	38.7	25.7
126. Productivity Indexes	25.5	9.2	15.2	30.0	27.1
Bureau of Economic Analysis					
127. Farm Income & Expenditure Series	26.8	17.6	24.4	15.9	21.4
128. Local Area Personal Income	14.2	22.0	43.6	19.8	11.4
129. Personal Consumption Expenditures	24.4	11.8	22.8	24.6	42.9
130. Survey of Current Business	36.5	12.9	29.6	48.8	47.1
131. Business Conditions Digest	11.0	6.7	16.0	14.0	20.0
Human Nutrition Information Service					
132. Household Food Consumption Survey	19.9	10.4	9.2	9.7	61.4
133. Food Intake by Individuals	10.6	7.4	7.6	4.8	37.1
Fish & Wildlife Service					
134. National Survey of Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife-- Associated Recreation	6.7	9.4	4.8	38.2	1.4

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
135. National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN/WATSTORE)	4.3	4.5	2.4	20.3	0.0
Bureau of Mines					
136. Minerals Yearbook	3.7	2.5	2.4	18.4	0.0
137. Minerals Commodity Summaries	2.4	1.0	1.2	12.6	0.0
U.S. Coast Guard					
138. Coast Guard Boating Survey	0.8	1.8	1.2	4.8	0.0
139. Polluting Incidence in and Around U.S. Waters	2.0	2.5	2.8	10.6	0.0
Internal Revenue Service					
140. Statistics of Income	13.1	13.3	19.2	15.0	20.0
141. Farmers' Cooperative Income Statistics	7.0	4.7	8.4	3.9	14.3
Energy Information Administration					
142. Energy Statistics Yearbook	7.1	7.8	11.2	24.6	5.7
143. Annual Energy Review	4.5	5.9	10.4	19.3	2.9
144. International Energy Prices	4.2	3.3	4.8	14.5	2.9
145. Annual Energy Outlook	3.7	4.1	9.2	14.5	1.4
146. State Energy Overview	2.1	1.6	7.2	8.7	0.0
147. Monthly Energy Review	2.6	2.5	5.2	15.0	1.4
148. International Energy Annual	2.3	2.2	2.0	11.6	1.4
149. Residential Energy Consumption Survey	2.4	4.7	10.4	10.1	1.4
150. Nonresidential Buildings Energy Consumption Survey	1.9	2.5	6.0	9.7	1.4
151. Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey	2.2	2.9	7.2	10.6	2.9
Corps of Engineers					
152. Recreation Resource Management System	2.3	3.9	3.6	11.1	0.0
Environmental Protection Agency					
153. Storage & Retrieval of Aerometric Data (SAROAD)	0.9	0.8	0.8	10.1	0.0
154. Storage & Retrieval of Water Quality Data (STORET)	3.7	2.7	2.4	16.4	0.0
155. National Water Quality Inventory	5.4	4.7	6.0	22.7	0.0
156. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	3.5	3.1	2.4	19.8	0.0

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
157. National Air Pollution Emission Estimates	2.9	1.8	4.0	22.7	0.0
158. Air Pollution Permit Records	1.2	1.2	0.8	9.7	0.0
159. Enforcement Record Data System	0.9	1.4	1.6	9.2	0.0
U.S. Council on Environmental Quality					
160. Environmental Quality	6.6	11.2	9.6	33.3	0.0
National Center for Health Statistics					
161. Nutritional Status Statistics	4.6	8.8	6.4	3.9	17.1
162. Health U.S.	3.0	16.1	10.0	4.4	2.9
163. Vital Statistics of the U.S.	11.2	37.4	27.2	16.9	12.9
Health & Human Services					
164. Health Interview Survey	2.1	9.8	6.4	5.8	2.9
National Climatic Data Center					
165. Weather Data	18.9	6.9	10.0	22.7	15.7
United Nations/FAO					
166. FAO Production Yearbook	31.3	14.3	7.6	14.5	27.1
167. FAO Trade Yearbook	29.2	9.0	6.4	10.6	30.0
168. FAO Annual Fertilizer Review	11.7	3.7	3.2	4.8	4.3
169. FAO Statistical Yearbook	26.3	16.9	7.6	15.0	25.7
170. Factual Data Banks in Agriculture	7.0	4.7	0.8	2.4	7.1
171. Commodity Trade Statistics	20.5	5.1	3.2	11.6	17.1
172. Commodity Production Statistics	19.0	5.5	4.0	11.1	12.9
173. World Food Aid Data Base	9.2	6.5	2.0	1.9	5.7
174. UNCTAD Commodity Yearbook	5.9	2.9	1.2	3.4	8.6
175. U.N. External Trade Statistics	9.0	3.9	1.6	3.9	11.4
176. Yearbook of World Energy Statistics: World Energy Supplies	4.2	6.1	3.6	8.7	0.0
177. FAO Food Balance Sheet	10.7	5.9	2.0	1.9	7.1
178. World Trade Annual	11.8	3.7	2.4	4.8	14.3
179. World Agricultural Survey	13.7	8.0	5.6	5.8	10.0
180. Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics	9.4	3.7	3.2	7.7	8.6

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
181. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific	6.2	10.2	4.0	4.4	2.9
182. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Africa	5.1	10.0	4.0	4.4	2.9
183. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Latin America	5.5	10.8	6.4	3.9	4.3
184. U.N. Statistical Yearbook	9.3	19.0	9.2	8.7	7.1
185. U.N. Demographic Yearbook	8.0	24.3	10.4	5.8	4.3
186. U.N. Demographic Database	3.7	13.1	8.4	1.9	2.9
187. U.N. Animal Health Yearbook	1.6	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.4
188. Yearbook of Labor Statistics	5.5	9.6	7.2	5.8	2.9
189. Yearbook of International Trade Statistics	13.4	5.7	3.6	6.8	18.6
190. Yearbook of Forest Products	3.4	3.9	2.0	8.2	1.4
191. Yearbook of Fishery Statistics	4.0	2.0	0.8	12.6	2.9
International Financial Institutions					
192. Joint Bank-Fund Library: Annual Reports of the World Central Banks	2.2	0.6	2.4	1.5	0.0
193. World Economic Outlook	11.8	8.6	10.0	8.2	10.0
194. World Bank: World Development Statistics	16.7	17.1	12.8	10.6	12.9
195. World Bank: World Debt Tables	10.0	8.8	6.4	5.8	5.7
196. World Bank: Commodity Trade & Price Trends	12.2	4.7	3.2	7.3	11.4
197. World Bank: World Development Report	17.7	16.9	10.0	10.6	10.0
198. World Bank: World Health Statistics	3.7	10.2	5.6	1.5	1.4
199. IMF International Financial Statistics	17.5	5.1	3.2	10.1	5.7
200. IMF Government Financial Statistics Yearbook	11.9	4.5	2.0	5.8	5.7
201. IMF Balance of Payments Yearbook	9.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	4.3
202. IMF Trade Statistics	11.3	3.7	2.4	4.8	8.6
203. IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook	7.5	3.1	3.2	2.9	8.6
204. Interamerican Development Bank: Economic & Social Progress in Latin America	4.1	4.9	4.0	1.5	5.7
205. Latin American Financial Statistics	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.9

Appendix Table 5.2. Used and Very Important Data Sets as Ranked by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
206. Latin American Price Index Tables	2.7	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.4
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)					
207. Economic Outlook	11.7	6.9	12.8	11.1	8.6
208. OECD Economic Surveys	9.8	7.1	8.4	12.6	5.7
209. OECD Financial Statistics	6.2	2.2	4.4	6.8	2.9
210. OECD Import-Export Microtables	4.0	1.4	1.2	3.9	4.3
211. National Accounts of OECD Countries	5.5	2.2	2.8	9.2	4.3
212. European Marketing Data & Statistics	2.9	1.2	0.8	3.9	8.6
213. Energy Statistics	1.9	2.5	2.0	8.2	0.0
214. Coal Information	1.1	1.4	0.4	3.4	0.0
215. OECD Environmental Data	2.1	1.4	0.8	12.6	0.0
216. Labor Force Statistics	3.1	6.5	11.2	3.9	1.4
217. Main Economic Indicators	7.1	5.7	10.8	6.8	4.3
218. Statistics of Foreign Trade	8.6	3.9	4.8	7.3	10.0
Other National & International Data Sets					
219. Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)	3.1	8.8	6.4	6.3	1.4
220. National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)	2.8	16.5	10.4	4.8	2.9
221. National Opinion Research Center General Social Survey (NORC)	2.6	34.1	20.0	5.3	4.3
222. National Opinion Research Center Farm Women Survey	1.1	12.9	8.8	1.0	1.4
223. National Fertility Survey	1.3	12.9	4.4	1.9	2.9
224. World Fertility Survey	0.7	5.9	0.8	1.0	1.4
225. ^b Historic Statistics of the United States	9.6	21.2	9.6	15.5	11.4
B. Discontinued Statistics Data Sets					
Bureau of the Census					
230. Census of Irrigation Organizations	2.2	1.0	0.0	4.4	0.0
231. Farm Energy Survey	2.9	2.2	2.0	3.9	0.0
232. Census of Agricultural Services	4.2	4.3	4.8	2.9	2.9
233. Census of Agriculture: Area Followup Sample	4.5	6.1	2.8	1.9	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	Association				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
234. Historical Statistics of the United States	14.5	22.9	15.2	22.7	12.9
National Agricultural Statistics Service					
235. Minor Vegetables	6.5	1.4	1.6	1.9	27.1
236. Grass Seeds	2.1	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.4
237. Bush and Caneberries	2.3	0.6	0.8	1.0	7.1
238. Apple Varieties	3.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	11.4
239. Commercial Fertilizer	7.2	1.0	0.8	3.9	5.7
240. Telephone & Electric Rates	1.7	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.4
Economic Research Service					
241. Crop Respondent and Distribution Estimates	1.8	0.6	0.8	0.0	5.7
242. Fruit & Vegetable Market News	10.0	2.2	4.0	2.4	40.0
243. Fresh Market Vegetables	9.8	1.8	3.6	1.9	45.7
244. Processing Vegetables	8.8	2.0	2.8	1.9	35.7
245. Small Fruit	6.8	1.2	2.8	1.5	34.3
Bureau of Labor Statistics					
246. Family Budgets	6.7	8.6	12.4	3.9	7.1
Federal Trade Commission					
247. ^b Line of Business Data	3.3	0.8	2.4	2.9	17.1

^aThe percentages are obtained by dividing the respondents to each data set by the associated respondents of each association: AAEA = 1896, RSS = 490, CDS = 250, AERE = 207, FDRS = 70.

^bData set numbers 226-229 and 248-249 were listed as "other" and were not tabulated for specific data series.

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a

Data Set	All	Association						
Number & Name	Respondents	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
A. Current Data Sets								
Bureau of the Census								
Agricultural Censuses and Surveys								
1. Census of Agriculture	36.2	30.5	33.0	32.4	18.8	23.5	3.2	5.9
2. Farm Finance Survey	7.1	7.1	3.4	2.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
3. Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey	1.9	2.0	0.4	0.4	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
4. Census of Horticultural Specialties	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.0	4.3	1.1	0.0
5. Cotton Ginnings Program	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Censuses and Surveys								
6. Census of Population and Housing	26.0	11.0	43.7	48.4	20.1	12.4	29.0	11.8
7. 1980 Public Use Micro-Data (PUMS-D)	4.6	1.0	15.1	4.7	1.9	0.0	1.1	0.0
8. Census of Business (Wholesale & Retail, Services)	7.6	4.6	7.1	21.5	4.6	29.9	3.2	0.0
9. Census of Governments	4.7	2.8	5.1	13.1	5.8	0.0	1.1	0.0
10. Census of Manufactures	8.8	6.4	5.9	15.4	13.0	15.4	1.1	0.0
11. Census of Transportation	1.4	1.0	1.0	3.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
12. Census of Construction	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
13. Census of Mineral Industries	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	5.9
14. Current Population Survey	18.3	6.6	31.1	27.9	10.6	8.6	29.0	17.7
15. County Business Patterns	9.6	5.4	12.6	27.5	8.2	6.8	3.2	11.8
16. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.9	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0
17. County and City Data Book	13.4	4.8	29.2	26.1	9.1	1.3	10.8	0.0
18. Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)	3.2	0.7	4.3	3.1	0.0	0.0	15.1	5.9
19. American Housing Survey	1.8	0.3	2.6	3.1	0.9	1.3	3.2	0.0

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
20. U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics	5.7	5.8	1.2	1.6	3.8	6.4	0.0	0.0
21. World Population	2.9	1.1	6.2	3.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
22. Annual Survey of Manufactures	3.0	2.3	0.8	4.7	6.8	8.1	0.0	0.0
National Agricultural Statistics Service								
23. Farm Costs and Returns Survey--Farm Finance Statistics	15.1	16.1	3.2	4.3	4.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
24. Farm Population Expenditures	10.3	10.7	2.6	3.6	3.8	3.0	0.0	0.0
25. Prices Paid by Farmers	13.7	14.7	1.8	2.3	5.2	3.9	0.0	0.0
26. Prices Received by Farmers	14.9	16.2	1.2	1.6	4.8	5.1	0.0	0.0
27. Number of Farms	5.4	4.3	5.3	5.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
28. Farm Labor	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
29. Cattle of Feed	5.7	6.2	0.0	1.1	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0
30. Cattle Inventory	6.0	6.4	0.2	0.7	0.4	3.9	0.0	0.0
31. Manufactured Dairy Products	1.9	2.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
32. Monthly & Annual Milk Production & Milk Disposition	3.4	3.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0
33. Hogs & Pigs Report	5.4	6.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0
34. Annual Sheep Inventory & Wool Production	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
35. Monthly & Annual Egg Production & Layers	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
36. Annual Broilers & Turkeys Raised	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
37. Weekly, Monthly, & Annual Hatchery Production	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9
38. Field Crop Acreage & Production	10.5	11.5	0.4	0.7	4.3	5.6	0.0	0.0
39. Grain Stocks	4.4	4.8	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0
40. Meat Animals--Production, Disposition & Income	3.3	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.0

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
41. Vegetable Production	3.0	3.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	15.8	0.0	0.0
42. Fruit & Nut Production	3.2	3.4	0.2	0.0	0.4	13.3	0.0	0.0
43. Floricultural Crops	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
44. Cold Storage Report	2.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
45. Livestock Slaughter	3.1	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	2.6	0.0	0.0
46. Poultry Slaughter	1.3	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
47. World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates	7.7	8.3	1.2	0.5	2.3	5.1	0.0	0.0
48. Weekly Weather Crop	2.0	2.1	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
49. Crop County Estimates	3.3	3.5	0.2	0.4	2.2	5.1	0.0	0.0
50. Livestock County Estimates	2.1	2.1	0.2	0.4	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Economic Research Service								
51. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: National Financial Summary	13.0	13.8	3.2	4.3	4.3	0.0	1.1	0.0
52. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Production and Efficiency Statistics	9.3	10.1	2.1	1.6	4.5	1.3	0.0	0.0
53. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Costs of Production	12.1	13.1	0.7	0.4	4.3	2.6	0.0	0.0
54. Economic Indicators of the Farm Sector: Farm Sector Review	4.8	5.2	1.4	1.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
55. Hired Farm Work Force	1.7	1.1	3.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
56. Major Uses of Land in the United States	4.8	3.9	4.5	1.9	6.8	1.3	0.0	5.9
57. Farmland Market Statistics	4.0	4.3	0.7	1.4	2.3	3.9	0.0	0.0
58. Agricultural Land Value Statistics	5.9	6.1	1.1	2.3	5.2	1.3	0.0	0.0
59. Farm Population	3.8	1.4	10.6	7.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	5.9
60. Food Consumption Statistics	5.7	5.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	25.2	9.7	0.0
61. Farm Taxes: Farm Real Estate Taxes	1.1	1.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
62. Farm Taxes: Personal Property Taxes	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
63. Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistics	6.0	6.6	0.2	1.2	0.9	11.1	0.0	0.0
64. Production Database (Foreign)	1.6	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
65. U.S. Concessional Agricultural Exports	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
66. Commodity Trade Matrices	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
67. World Agricultural Trends and Indicators	2.3	2.3	0.9	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
68. Market Basket	2.4	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	14.1	6.5	0.0
69. Marketing Bill	3.0	3.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	25.7	2.2	0.0
70. Farm & Retail Price Spreads	4.0	4.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	20.1	1.1	0.0
71. Marketing Costs	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.8	1.1	0.0
72. Commodity News	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0
73. Commodity Market Information	1.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
74. Food Expenditures	4.4	3.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	23.5	14.0	0.0
75. Agricultural Outlook	13.2	13.1	3.7	5.2	2.3	13.7	5.4	0.0
76. National Food Review	3.5	2.9	0.2	1.4	0.4	25.2	5.4	0.0
77. Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States	6.1	6.5	0.2	0.7	1.0	10.3	0.0	11.8
78. Weekly Weather & Crop Bulletin	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
79. Agricultural Chartbook	5.4	4.9	2.4	4.8	1.7	6.8	6.5	0.0
Situation & Outlook Reports								
80. Agricultural Exports	4.1	4.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	5.6	0.0	0.0
81. Agricultural Resources	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.7	3.8	1.3	0.0	0.0
82. World Agriculture	4.6	4.7	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
83. Cotton & Wool	2.2	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
84. Dairy	4.2	4.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0
85. Feed	5.6	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	3.9	0.0	0.0
86. Fruit & Tree Nuts	2.7	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	9.4	0.0	0.0
87. Livestock & Poultry	5.5	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	6.8	0.0	0.0
88. Oil Crops	4.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
89. Rice	1.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
90. Sugar & Sweetener	1.4	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0
91. Tobacco	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
92. Vegetables & Specialties	2.5	2.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0
93. Wheat	5.1	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0
Foreign Agricultural Service								
94. U.S. Export Sales	2.5	2.6	0.2	0.7	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
95. Export Briefs	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0
96. World Cocoa Situation	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
97. World Coffee Situation	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
98. World Cotton Situation	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
99. Dairy, Livestock & Poultry:								
Export Trade & Prospects	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100. Meat & Dairy Monthly Imports	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
101. World Dairy Situation	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
102. World Livestock & Poultry								
Situation	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
103. World Grain Situation & Outlook	4.8	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0
104. Export Markets for U.S.								
Grain & Products	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
105. USSR Grain Situation & Outlook	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
106. Horticultural Products Review	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0
107. World Oilseed Situation &								
Market Highlights	2.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.6	0.0	0.0
108. U.S. Seed Exports	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
109. World Sugar & Molasses								
Situation & Outlook	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
110. World Honey Situation	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
111. World Tea Situation	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
112. U.S. Spice Trade	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
113. U.S. Essential Oil Trade	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
114. World Tobacco Situation	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
115. World Crop Production	2.1	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
116. Wood Products: International Trade & Foreign Markets	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agricultural Marketing Service								
117. Market News	5.2	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.0
Agricultural Cooperative Service								
118. Farmer Cooperative Statistics	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.4	0.0	6.8	1.1	0.0
Soil Conservation Service								
119. National Resources Inventory	5.3	4.8	3.1	2.3	8.2	0.0	0.0	11.8
Bureau of Labor Statistics								
120. Consumer Expenditure Survey	13.0	6.3	4.5	8.9	6.4	23.9	55.9	5.9
121. Consumer Prices and Price Indexes	22.0	15.5	4.4	10.3	24.0	28.2	44.1	17.7
122. Producer Prices and Price Indexes	9.4	8.1	1.0	3.6	11.0	6.8	4.3	11.8
123. U.S. Import & Export Price Indexes	1.7	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	5.9
124. Employment & Earnings Statistics for States & Areas	8.5	4.2	7.9	13.6	7.2	0.0	19.4	5.9
125. Employment & Earnings Statistics for the United States	5.3	2.1	4.6	4.9	4.2	0.0	18.3	5.9
126. Productivity Indexes	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.4	2.3	0.0	2.2	0.0
Bureau of Economic Analysis								
127. Farm Income & Expenditure Series	2.5	1.9	1.8	3.0	2.9	1.3	2.2	0.0
128. Local Area Personal Income	5.4	2.9	5.9	16.6	4.3	1.3	6.5	11.8
129. Personal Consumption Expenditures	6.4	3.1	1.4	6.1	4.3	12.4	23.7	5.9
130. Survey of Current Business	10.2	8.9	2.4	11.6	17.3	6.8	5.4	5.9
131. Business Conditions Digest	1.7	1.3	0.6	3.5	1.9	2.6	1.1	5.9

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Data Set	All	Association						
Number & Name	Respondents	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
Human Nutrition Information Service								
132. Household Food Consumption Survey	6.6	4.2	2.0	1.6	0.9	23.9	17.2	0.0
133. Food Intake by Individuals	2.9	1.9	0.8	1.2	0.0	5.6	9.7	5.9
Fish & Wildlife Service								
134. National Survey of Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife--Associated Recreation	5.1	2.3	3.2	1.1	20.4	0.0	0.0	64.7
135. National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN/WATSTORE)	1.7	1.2	0.6	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	23.5
Bureau of Mines								
136. Minerals Yearbook	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.7	2.2	0.0	0.0	11.8
137. Minerals Commodity Summaries	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. Coast Guard								
138. Coast Guard Boating Survey	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	5.9
139. Polluting Incidence in and Around U.S. Waters	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Internal Revenue Service								
140. Statistics of Income	2.4	0.9	0.9	4.7	1.3	1.3	7.5	0.0
141. Farmers' Cooperative Income Statistics	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.1	0.0
Energy Information Administration								
142. Energy Statistics Yearbook	2.1	1.0	1.7	3.1	4.8	1.3	0.0	5.9
143. Annual Energy Review	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.2	4.6	1.3	1.1	0.0
144. International Energy Prices	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
145. Annual Energy Outlook	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4	2.3	0.0	1.1	0.0
146. State Energy Overview	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
147. Monthly Energy Review	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
148. International Energy Annual	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
149. Residential Energy Consumption Survey	1.1	0.3	0.4	1.1	2.2	0.0	2.2	0.0
150. Nonresidential Buildings Energy Consumption Survey	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
151. Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Corps of Engineers								
152. Recreation Resource Management System	1.3	0.7	1.9	0.4	3.8	0.0	0.0	5.9
Environmental Protection Agency								
153. Storage & Retrieval of Aerometric Data (SAROAD)	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.6	1.3	0.0	0.0
154. Storage & Retrieval of Water Quality Data (STORET)	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	23.5
155. National Water Quality Inventory	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	3.9	0.0	0.0	11.8
156. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	11.8
157. National Air Pollution Emission Estimates	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
158. Air Pollution Permit Records	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
159. Enforcement Record Data System	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. Council on Environmental Quality								
160. Environmental Quality	2.7	1.4	3.1	1.4	8.0	0.0	1.1	5.9
National Center for Health Statistics								
161. Nutritional Status Statistics	1.6	0.6	1.7	0.7	0.9	2.6	5.4	0.0
162. Health U.S.	1.4	0.3	3.9	1.6	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.0
163. Vital Statistics of the U.S.	6.1	1.3	14.2	9.2	2.9	2.6	14.0	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
Health & Human Services								
164. Health Interview Survey	1.2	0.2	2.9	1.6	0.4	0.0	2.2	0.0
National Climatic Data Center								
165. Weather Data	2.6	2.0	0.2	1.4	3.5	4.3	0.0	23.5
United Nations/FAO								
166. FAO Production Yearbook	8.2	8.1	3.5	1.4	4.2	2.6	0.0	5.9
167. FAO Trade Yearbook	6.5	6.9	0.9	0.7	2.2	3.9	0.0	5.9
168. FAO Annual Fertilizer Review	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
169. FAO Statistical Yearbook	3.2	2.4	3.3	0.4	1.7	1.3	0.0	5.9
170. Factual Data Banks in Agriculture	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
171. Commodity Trade Statistics	1.2	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
172. Commodity Production Statistics	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
173. World Food Aid Data Base	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
174. UNCTAD Commodity Yearbook	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
175. U.N. External Trade Statistics	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
176. Yearbook of World Energy Statistics: World Energy Supplies	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
177. FAO Food Balance Sheet	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
178. World Trade Annual	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
179. World Agricultural Survey	1.0	0.6	1.6	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
180. Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
181. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
182. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Africa	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
183. U.N. Statistical Yearbook for Latin America	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
184. U.N. Statistical Yearbook	1.7	0.7	4.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
185. U.N. Demographic Yearbook	2.1	0.5	7.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Appendix Table 5.3. Ten Most Important Data Sets as Ranked by All Respondents and by Member Respondents of Each Association (Percent, N = 2158)^a, cont'd.

Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
186. U.N. Demographic Database	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
187. U.N. Animal Health Yearbook	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
188. Yearbook of Labor Statistics	1.1	0.5	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.0
189. Yearbook of International Trade Statistics	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
190. Yearbook of Forest Products	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	5.9
191. Yearbook of Fishery Statistics	2.3	1.4	0.2	0.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	35.3
International Financial Institutions								
192. Joint Bank-Fund Library: Annual Reports of the World Central Banks	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
193. World Economic Outlook	2.2	2.2	0.6	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
194. World Bank: World Development Statistics	4.9	4.4	4.2	1.8	2.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
195. World Bank: World Debt Tables	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
196. World Bank: Commodity Trade & Price Trends	2.1	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
197. World Bank: World Development Report	6.4	5.8	4.8	1.9	3.8	1.3	1.1	0.0
198. World Bank: World Health Statistics	0.4	0.1	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
199. IMF International Financial Statistics	6.1	6.5	0.6	0.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
200. IMF Government Financial Statistics Yearbook	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
201. IMF Balance of Payments Yearbook	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
202. IMF Trade Statistics	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
203. IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
204. Interamerican Development Bank: Economic & Social Progress in Latin America	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
205. Latin American Financial Statistics	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
206. Latin American Price Index Tables	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)								
207. Economic Outlook	2.1	1.5	1.3	2.4	0.9	1.3	3.2	0.0
208. OECD Economic Surveys	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	5.9
209. OECD Financial Statistics	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
210. OECD Import-Export Microtables	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
211. National Accounts of OECD Countries	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
212. European Marketing Data & Statistics	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
213. Energy Statistics	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
214. Coal Information	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
215. OECD Environmental Data	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
216. Labor Force Statistics	0.7	0.1	0.9	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
217. Main Economic Indicators	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
218. Statistics of Foreign Trade	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Other National & International Data Sets								
219. Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)	3.4	0.8	2.6	1.1	0.9	1.3	23.7	0.0
220. National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS)	3.0	0.3	6.6	2.6	0.0	1.3	11.8	0.0
221. National Opinion Research Center General Social Survey (NORC)	3.2	0.1	11.1	3.6	0.0	2.6	4.3	5.9
222. National Opinion Research Center Farm Women Survey	0.9	0.0	2.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
223. National Fertility Survey	0.7	0.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
224. World Fertility Survey	0.7	0.2	2.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
225. ^b Historic Statistics of the United States	2.4	1.0	5.0	1.9	2.6	1.3	4.3	0.0
B. Discontinued Statistics Data Sets								
Bureau of the Census								
230. Census of Irrigation Organizations	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
231. Farm Energy Survey	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
232. Census of Agricultural Services	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
233. Census of Agriculture: Area Followup Sample	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
234. Historical Statistics of the United States	3.4	2.2	4.3	1.9	3.9	0.0	1.1	0.0
National Agricultural Statistics Service								
235. Minor Vegetables	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
236. Grass Seeds	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
237. Bush and Caneberries	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
238. Apple Varieties	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
239. Commercial Fertilizer	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
240. Telephone & Electric Rates	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Economic Research Service								
241. Crop Respondent and Distribution Estimates	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
242. Fruit & Vegetable Market News	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	9.8	0.0	5.9
243. Fresh Market Vegetables	1.9	1.8	0.8	0.0	0.4	9.4	0.0	5.9
244. Processing Vegetables	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	5.6	0.0	5.9
245. Small Fruit	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	6.8	0.0	5.9

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Data Set Number & Name	All Respondents	Association						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SE-AFA
Bureau of Labor Statistics 246. Family Budgets	5.4	0.9	1.1	3.8	0.9	1.3	40.9	0.0
Federal Trade Commission 247. ^b Line of Business Data	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.1	0.0

^aThe all respondents percentages are obtained by dividing the number of respondents in each data set by the 2158 respondents who chose at least one number in the ten most important data sets item. The association percentages are obtained by dividing the respondents to each data set by the associated respondents of each association:

AAEA = 1896, RSS = 490, CDS = 250, AERE = 207, FDRS = 70, ACCI = 93, SE-AFS = 17.

^bData set numbers 226-229 and 248-249 were listed as "other" and were not tabulated for specific data series.

Appendix Table 5.4. Ranking of Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts by All Respondents (Percent N = 2992)^a

Issue Number & Description ^a	Ranking			
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
General Issues				
1. Establish mid-decade Census of Population & Housing	20.4	26.9	24.8	19.7
2. Convert Census of Agriculture to Census of Agriculture & Rural Households	23.8	28.7	18.2	21.6
Production Agriculture				
3. Separate business operations from households in all agricultural data	24.3	28.6	15.2	22.8
4. Develop weather index by region and commodity	13.5	25.3	23.6	28.3
5. Develop annual data series on excess agricultural production capacity	14.0	27.2	22.0	27.5
6. Develop inflation-adjusted sales classes of farms	14.0	26.0	22.3	28.3
7. Develop series on personal income of farm households	21.8	34.1	15.7	19.3
8. Measure household poverty by sales class of farm	17.2	29.5	22.9	21.4
9. Improve data on off-farm income of farm households	33.4	30.2	13.1	14.6
10. Develop better definition & measure of farm population	34.2	28.8	13.2	15.1
11. Provide public use cross-section/panel of farm units from Census of Agriculture	17.8	23.2	19.4	29.7
12. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items for # farm laborers	16.9	23.6	20.5	29.5
13. Develop series on farm labor by economic class of farm	17.4	26.6	19.3	26.9
14. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items on direct marketing of farm products	13.2	23.9	23.2	30.0
15. Redefine farm as unit selling \$2,500 or more	15.0	18.6	24.0	32.9
16. Redefine farm as unit selling \$20,000 or more	14.0	12.7	26.1	37.2
17. Develop data base on subsistence farms in rural sample of the American Housing Survey	15.6	23.9	23.0	28.2

Appendix Table 5.4. Ranking of Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts by All Respondents (Percent N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	Ranking			
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
18. Develop data on cost of production and cost per unit of output by farm type and size	30.6	27.1	13.7	19.6
19. Provide data on standard units of production	25.1	25.9	15.3	23.7
20. Expand Farm Costs & Returns Survey for reliable state estimates	23.3	22.8	15.9	28.1
21. Reinstate data series on specialty agricultural commodities	16.8	18.8	24.1	30.1
International Trade/Macroeconomics				
22. Develop data series on trade protection & intervention of agricultural commodities by country	27.6	21.4	15.5	26.0
23. Develop real exchange rate series by type of country & commodity	27.2	22.3	15.2	25.5
Household Demand & Consumption of Food				
24. Disaggregate household expenditures into quantities & prices of food items in the Household Expenditure Survey of BLS	18.8	24.1	18.2	29.2
25. Establish data on food raised for direct consumption	10.4	23.8	28.8	26.7
26. Reinstate BLS family budgets	14.8	22.8	27.2	20.3
27. Establish consumer panel of 1,000 or more for demand analysis	20.2	24.3	18.5	26.5
28. Develop data base on quantity & value of foods in service & retail store sectors	16.6	22.2	20.3	30.3
29. Develop food quality index	14.5	22.3	23.4	29.6
30. Develop measures of food safety	29.4	20.8	16.8	23.2
Community Development/Rural Households				
31. Develop better definition & measure of rural population	30.6	26.8	15.3	17.8
32. Develop Rural Statistical Areas (RSA's) as data units	28.2	26.3	15.6	20.5
33. Develop quality of life indexes for RSA's	29.3	27.0	15.2	19.2
34. Develop data series on rural underemployed workers	24.9	25.2	18.8	21.6

Appendix Table 5.4. Ranking of Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts by All Respondents (Percent N = 2992)^a, cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	Ranking			
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know
35. Reinstate annual rural sample & report of American Housing Survey	14.3	19.1	23.8	32.7
36. Provide data for more narrowly defined service industries	16.3	21.4	21.1	31.0
Environment & Resources				
37. Use existing data to produce a single inventory of point-source pollution	21.1	20.2	16.7	31.9
38. Enhance efforts to produce a continuing inventory of ambient environmental quality	24.6	18.3	15.9	31.1
39. Develop & maintain comprehensive inventory of pesticide & herbicide applications	29.3	22.1	14.7	23.9
40. Establish intensity of fishing & fish harvest statistics for all coastal waters	18.1	20.8	19.3	31.4
41. Establish & maintain a periodic survey of water-associated non-fishing recreation	17.3	19.0	21.7	31.4
Quality of Statistics				
42. Estimate & publish standard errors of all probability based sample statistics	36.8	30.9	9.2	13.4
43. ^b Develop estimates of nonsampling errors & their components for major published statistics	33.2	31.4	9.9	15.0

^aSee questionnaire, Section II-A for complete statement of each issue.

^bThe Additional Issues 44 and 45 were not tabulated.

Appendix Table 5.5. The Very Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)

Issue Number & Description ^a	Association ^b				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
General Issues					
1. Establish mid-decade Census of Population & Housing	12.2	42.2	52.8	14.0	17.1
2. Convert Census of Agriculture to Census of Agriculture & Rural Households	20.0	46.7	54.0	10.6	12.9
Production Agriculture					
3. Separate business operations from households in all agricultural data	27.0	26.3	28.0	12.6	25.7
4. Develop weather index by region and commodity	18.0	6.9	7.6	14.5	10.0
5. Develop annual data series on excess agricultural production capacity	18.5	8.2	6.8	8.7	17.1
6. Develop inflation-adjusted sales classes of farms	17.7	14.1	9.6	5.3	15.7
7. Develop series on personal income of farm households	21.6	30.8	26.4	8.2	14.3
8. Measure household poverty by sales class of farm	13.3	34.9	34.8	5.8	10.0
9. Improve data on off-farm income of farm households	33.6	48.6	52.4	16.4	20.0
10. Develop better definition & measure of farm population	34.2	48.6	46.4	11.1	38.6
11. Provide public use cross-section/panel of farm units from Census of Agriculture	17.3	32.7	21.6	13.0	18.6
12. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items for # farm laborers	16.5	33.7	25.2	10.1	17.1
13. Develop series on farm labor by economic class of farm	17.2	32.2	22.0	9.7	20.0
14. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items on direct marketing of farm products	15.3	14.5	17.6	4.8	34.3
15. Redefine farm as unit selling \$2,500 or more	17.6	14.3	20.4	4.4	22.9
16. Redefine farm as unit selling \$20,000 or more	17.8	8.0	11.6	4.8	25.7
17. Develop data base on subsistence farms in rural sample of the American Housing Survey	11.8	34.1	28.4	8.2	8.8

Appendix Table 5.5. The Very Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	Association ^b				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
18. Develop data on cost of production and cost per unit of output by farm type and size	39.9	18.2	18.0	18.4	38.6
19. Provide data on standard units of production	34.0	12.2	9.6	20.8	37.1
20. Expand Farm Costs & Returns Survey for reliable state estimates	30.6	14.3	12.4	17.9	20.0
21. Reinstate data series on specialty agricultural commodities	21.0	13.9	10.8	9.7	50.0
International Trade/Macroeconomics					
22. Develop data series on trade protection & intervention of agricultural commodities by country	36.0	14.7	17.2	21.4	41.4
23. Develop real exchange rate series by type of country & commodity	35.6	16.3	14.8	22.7	32.9
Household Demand & Consumption of Food					
24. Disaggregate household expenditures into quantities & prices of food items in the Household Expenditure Survey of BLS	18.4	15.1	15.6	15.9	50.0
25. Establish data on food raised for direct consumption	8.7	16.9	11.6	5.8	20.0
26. Reinstate BLS family budgets	10.0	14.3	16.4	11.6	17.1
27. Establish consumer panel of 1,000 or more for demand analysis	20.4	10.8	17.6	20.8	58.6
28. Develop data base on quantity & value of foods in service & retail store sectors	19.3	9.0	14.4	11.6	62.9
29. Develop food quality index	14.3	12.5	16.8	11.1	31.4
30. Develop measures of food safety	28.6	28.8	31.6	31.4	45.7
Community Development/Rural Households					
31. Develop better definition & measure of rural population	24.8	56.3	58.0	11.6	18.6
32. Develop Rural Statistical Areas (RSA's) as data units	22.8	52.2	59.2	13.5	22.9
33. Develop quality of life indexes for RSA's	21.9	55.3	61.2	13.5	14.3
34. Develop data series on rural underemployed workers	17.8	54.3	58.4	11.1	10.0

Appendix Table 5.5. The Very Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	Association ^b				
	AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS
35. Reinstate annual rural sample & report of American Housing Survey	8.9	34.7	39.2	5.8	10.0
36. Provide data for more narrowly defined service industries	12.8	29.8	42.0	11.1	22.9
Environment & Resources					
37. Use existing data to produce a single inventory of point-source pollution	20.3	21.4	22.4	51.7	15.7
38. Enhance efforts to produce a continuing inventory of ambient environmental quality	23.3	25.7	26.4	60.9	18.6
39. Develop & maintain comprehensive inventory of pesticide & herbicide applications	30.4	29.2	28.0	48.8	28.6
40. Establish intensity of fishing & fish harvest statistics for all coastal waters	17.4	16.7	14.0	44.9	27.1
41. Establish & maintain a periodic survey of water-associated non-fishing recreation	16.1	18.2	18.0	52.2	14.3
Quality of Statistics					
42. Estimate & publish standard errors of all probability based sample statistics	37.8	38.0	33.6	49.3	38.6
43. Develop estimates of nonsampling errors & their components for major published statistics	33.5	36.1	31.2	44.0	35.7

^aSee questionnaire, Section II-A for complete statement of each issue.

^bThe percentages are obtained by dividing the respondents of each data set by the associated respondents of each association: AAEA = 1896, RSS = 490, CDS = 250, AERE = 207, FDRS = 70.

Appendix Table 5.6. The Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by All Respondents and by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992)

Issue Number & Description ^a	All Respondents ^b	Association ^c						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SF-AFA
General Issues								
1. Establish mid-decade Census of Population & Housing	15.2	6.4	24.3	30.4	7.3	10.0	22.6	0.0
2. Convert Census of Agriculture to Census of Agriculture & Rural Households	12.2	7.5	20.6	24.4	3.9	1.4	8.6	0.0
Production Agriculture								
3. Separate business operations from households in all agricultural data	9.4	8.7	4.5	5.6	1.9	4.3	6.5	0.0
4. Develop weather index by region and commodity	7.3	8.0	0.4	1.2	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
5. Develop annual data series on excess agricultural production capacity	7.5	8.3	1.4	0.8	3.4	1.4	0.0	5.9
6. Develop inflation-adjusted sales classes of farms	5.1	5.4	2.0	2.8	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0
7. Develop series on personal income of farm households	9.2	7.3	6.3	5.2	1.4	2.9	14.0	0.0
8. Measure household poverty by sales class of farm	5.2	3.0	8.2	6.0	1.4	2.9	6.5	0.0
9. Improve data on off-farm income of farm households	17.6	14.3	16.5	16.0	2.4	4.3	16.1	0.0
10. Develop better definition & measure of farm population	14.9	10.8	20.4	11.2	1.0	10.0	9.7	0.0
11. Provide public use cross-section/panel of farm units from Census of Agriculture	6.2	5.0	10.4	3.6	3.4	2.9	2.2	5.9
12. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items for # farm laborers	4.0	2.8	7.1	3.2	1.0	2.9	0.0	0.0
13. Develop series on farm labor by economic class of farm	4.1	3.2	5.9	3.2	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0
14. Reinstate Census of Agriculture items on direct marketing of farm products	3.9	4.0	2.0	2.4	1.1	12.9	0.0	0.0
15. Redefine farm as unit selling \$2,500 or more	4.8	4.4	3.7	3.2	1.5	2.9	0.0	0.0
16. Redefine farm as unit selling \$20,000 or more	8.0	8.2	2.7	3.2	1.0	7.2	0.0	0.0
17. Develop data base on subsistence farms in rural sample of the American Housing Survey	3.5	1.7	7.1	2.8	0.5	0.0	2.2	5.9

Appendix Table 5.6. The Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by All Respondents and by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	All Respondents ^b	Association ^c						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SF-AFA
18. Develop data on cost of production and cost per unit of output by farm type and size	21.3	23.7	3.3	2.0	6.8	11.4	0.0	0.0
19. Provide data on standard units of production	11.6	13.1	1.0	0.0	4.8	4.3	0.0	0.0
20. Expand Farm Costs & Returns Survey for reliable state estimates	11.2	13.1	0.4	0.8	1.9	1.4	0.0	0.0
21. Reinstate data series on specialty agricultural commodities	8.4	8.7	2.7	2.4	2.4	32.9	0.0	0.0
International Trade/Macroeconomics								
22. Develop data series on trade protection & intervention of agricultural commodities by country	20.9	22.3	3.5	4.0	8.7	17.2	2.3	0.0
23. Develop real exchange rate series by type of country & commodity	15.7	16.7	2.9	2.8	5.8	8.6	0.0	0.0
Household Demand & Consumption of Food								
24. Disaggregate household expenditures into quantities & prices of food items in the Household Expenditure Survey of BLS	10.7	8.4	1.8	1.6	6.3	31.4	25.8	0.0
25. Establish data on food raised for direct consumption	3.7	1.8	4.9	2.8	0.0	5.7	5.4	0.0
26. Reinstate BLS family budgets	8.4	3.0	2.2	4.0	1.9	10.0	54.8	0.0
27. Establish consumer panel of 1,000 or more for demand analysis	12.7	10.0	1.6	4.4	5.3	42.9	31.2	0.0
28. Develop data base on quantity & value of foods in service & retail store sectors	8.7	8.3	1.8	2.4	1.5	47.2	3.2	5.9
29. Develop food quality index	5.9	4.5	0.8	2.8	3.9	17.2	7.5	5.9
30. Develop measures of food safety	14.3	10.4	6.7	7.6	10.1	24.3	23.7	17.7

Appendix Table 5.6. The Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by All Respondents and by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	All Respondents ^b	Association ^c						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SF-AFA
Community Development/Rural Households								
31. Develop better definition & measure of rural population	17.0	7.2	31.2	38.8	4.8	2.9	22.6	5.9
32. Develop Rural Statistical Areas (RSA's) as data units	19.7	9.5	36.7	45.2	7.3	10.0	17.2	5.9
33. Develop quality of life indexes for RSA's	15.0	5.8	28.2	33.2	3.9	1.4	24.7	0.0
34. Develop data series on rural underemployed workers	10.6	4.3	20.4	26.8	2.4	0.0	6.5	0.0
35. Reinstate annual rural sample & report of American Housing Survey	4.2	1.3	10.8	8.0	1.0	0.0	5.4	0.0
36. Provide data for more narrowly defined service industries	6.4	3.5	9.0	15.2	3.9	5.7	3.2	0.0
Environment & Resources								
37. Use existing data to produce a single inventory of point-source pollution	14.0	9.9	7.1	6.4	37.2	1.4	9.7	58.8
38. Enhance efforts to produce a continuing inventory of ambient environmental quality	16.9	12.5	7.4	9.2	43.0	4.3	9.7	58.8
39. Develop & maintain comprehensive inventory of pesticide & herbicide applications	17.0	12.8	10.0	9.6	26.6	5.7	5.4	64.7
40. Establish intensity of fishing & fish harvest statistics for all coastal waters	8.5	5.4	1.6	1.2	26.6	11.4	1.1	88.2
41. Establish & maintain a periodic survey of water-associated non-fishing recreation	10.1	6.5	5.5	2.4	35.3	1.4	2.2	64.7
Quality of Statistics								
42. Estimate & publish standard errors of all probability based sample statistics	15.9	13.7	6.7	3.6	26.6	8.6	6.5	35.3

Appendix Table 5.6. The Five Most Important Issues in Future Data Collection and Dissemination Efforts as Ranked by All Respondents and by Respondent Members of Each Association (Percent, N = 2992), cont'd.

Issue Number & Description ^a	All Respondents ^b	Association ^c						
		AAEA	RSS	CDS	AERE	FDRS	ACCI	SF-AFA
43. Develop estimates of non-sampling errors & their components for major published statistics	8.9	7.0	3.9	2.0	15.9	11.4	5.4	11.8

^aSee questionnaire, Section II-A for complete statement of each issue.

^bObtained by dividing the 2236 respondents to each issue by those who responded to at least one choice in Section II-B.

^cThe percentages are obtained by dividing the respondents of each data set by the associated respondents of each association: AAEA = 1896, RSS = 490, CDS = 250, AERE = 207, FDRS = 70, ACCI = 93, SE-AFS = 17.

